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New Proposals For Truce Agreement In Kashmir

U. N. COMMISSION PRESENTS PLAN

80 Cease Fire Violations By Pak Troops Reported To Observers

RAWALPINDI (West Panjab, Pakistan), April 15 (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan today presented both dominions with its proposals for a truce agreement in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Commission stated that it had studied both the Indian and Pakistan points of view at meetings here last Wednesday and Thursday and had now formulated proposals in an effort to find a common ground of agreement for both parties.

The proposals are based on Part 2 of the agreement of August 13 last about the withdrawal of troops from the State. In its covering letter, the Commission said these proposals represent "an adjustment of view-points within the framework of and consistent with the spirit of commitments already entered into"

HOPE BOTH DOMINIONS WILL ACCEPT PLAN

The letter said that the Commission is also "convinced that in accepting these proposals, both the governments will have taken a further important step towards the attainment of the objective which animates both of them as well as the Commission—the prompt and peaceful solution of the problem of the State of Jammu and Kashmir through a free and impartial plebiscite".

Three members of the Commission left here last night for New Delhi to present the new proposals to Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary-General of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs.

Another member presented the proposals here to Nawab Mushtaq Ahmed Gurmani, Pakistan Minister without portfolio

FINALISING TRUCE PROPOSALS

NEW DELHI, April 15 (UPI)—Pakistan's reply to India's truce proposals was conveyed to the Government of India this morning when two members of the Commission and their Military Adviser met Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, India's Secretary-General of External Affairs.

Dr. Lozano and Mr Leguizamon, members of the Commission, and Military Adviser Lt. Gen. Delvoie who had gone to Rawalpindi earlier this week with the reactions of the Government of India to Pakistan's proposals for a truce in Kashmir, came back to New Delhi yesterday and had a meeting with Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai for over an hour this morning. During the meeting, the representatives of India and of the Commission had a full discussion about finalising the truce proposals and it is likely they will have a further meeting soon.

At Rawalpindi, Dr Lozano and Mr Leguizamon, along with two other members of the Commission, who are still at Rawalpindi discussed India's proposals about disbandment of Azad forces and ultimate suzerainty of the Kashmir Government over the 'Azad' territories.

CLEAR INFRINGEMENT OF CEASE FIRE BY PAK

80 Cases Brought To Notice Of U.N. Military Observers

NEW DELHI, April 15. (API)—Nearly 80 violations of the "cease fire" line in Jammu Province alone by Pakistan troops since January 1 have been brought to the notice of U.N. military observers, according to official reports reaching here today from Jammu.

It was disclosed that on the morning of April 9, an unidentified plane flew over State territory east of Samba and it later on headed towards Ramnagar area of Udhampur District. The identity of the plane could not be established as it was flying at a height of 10,000 feet, but it was authoritatively stated that no Indian plane, either R.I.A.F. or civil, was in that area.

A band of armed Pakistan nationals is reported to have crossed the State border and attempted to lift cattle in the Samba-Suchetgarh area of Jammu earlier this week. Indian Army troops rushed to the area and chased them across the border.

SYSTEMATIC ATTEMPTS IN SADABAD VALLEY

In the Sadabad Valley ten miles south of Naushahra, "systematic attempts" are reported to have been made by regular Pakistan troops recently to advance their forward piquets into what was hitherto "no man's land" dominated by Indian piquets.

In the areas to the west of Rajauri, Mendhar and Punch, civilians from the so-called "Azad Kashmir" territory are reported to be infiltrating into Indian areas in "increasing numbers". Past experience shows that the "invasion of civilians" is usually followed by Pakistan troops, it was stated.

In the Punch sector, Pakistan troops are reported to have occupied two important features in, what was described as "clear infringement of the 'cease-fire".

Latest Step In East-West Cold War

BERLIN, April 15. (PTI-Reuter)—The Berlin Municipal long distance telephone exchange, which is situated in the United States sector of the City, was today left with only four of its previous 89 telephone trunk lines into the surrounding Soviet zone.

The remaining 85 had been disconnected, one by one, by Soviet sector postal authorities during the last 48 hours.

This latest step in the East-West cold war in Berlin began on April 12 when Soviet Sector postal authorities announced they had set up a new long distance telephone exchange in their sector for calls to the Soviet occupied zone.

All but one line connecting the Soviet zone of Germany with the telephone exchange in the United States sector of Berlin were cut by noon today, the German News Agency Dena reported.

This last line was expected to be disconnected later today, it added.

DELHI MEETING TO REVIEW INDONESIAN SITUATION

The Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, presiding over the meeting of representatives of various Asiatic countries and Australia, held at New Delhi on April 13, to review the situation in Indonesia and to consider further steps to be adopted for the speedy and satisfactory settlement of the Indonesian problem. The meeting was also attended by the Burmese Prime Minister Thakin Nu. Appearing in the (extreme right) picture are Mr. Mohd. Ismail, Pakistan High Commissioner (right) in India; H. E. Commanding General Shingha Shumshere Jung Bahadur Rana, Ambassador of Nepal in India; H. E. Ismail Kamel Bey, Egyptian Ambassador in India; H. E. Dr. Lo Chia Luen, Chinese Ambassador; Sir Arunachalam Mahadeva, Ceylonese High Commissioner in India; Sir Maung Gyi, Burmese Ambassador in India; Mr. H. R. Golan, Australian High Commissioner in India; H. E. Sardar Najibullah Khan, Afghan Ambassador in India and others.

OVERALL CHANGE IN E. PUNJAB MINISTRY

Directive To Sachar To Carry Out Decisions

NEW DELHI, April 15 (A.P.I.): The three-day old Sachar Ministry of the East Punjab is to undergo an overall change including the abolition of the office of Deputy-Minister of whom six have already been sworn in.

Mr. Bhimsen Sachar, the East Punjab Premier, who arrived here today in response to an urgent summons from the Congress Parliamentary Board to "explain his disobedience of Parliamentary Board's instructions and breach of his undertakings to the committee" was present at a meeting of the Congress Parliamentary sub-commitee held tis evening at the residence of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The parliamentary sub-committee heard Mr. Sachar's explanation and came to the following decisions:

Firstly: The East Punjab Ministry should consist of seven ministers including the Premier.

Secondly: There should be one Harijan Minister who commands the support of the majority of Harijan M.L.A.'s;

Thirdly: In addition to the Harijan Minister two ministers should be taken from the group who voted against Mr. Sachar, one Hindu and one Sikh and they should be selected according to the advice of the Parliamentary Board and

Lastly, of the remaining four, the leader will be free to select the other three colleagues.

It was also decided that there shall be no deputy ministers. Each Minister, however, will be free to have a parliamentary secretary of his choice.

The previous understanding regarding Sri Gyani Kartar Singh standing out of the ministry, remains in force.

Mr. Bhimsen Sachar was directed to take immediate steps to implement the above decisions.

Mr. Sachar is leaving for Simla tomorrow morning.

India Can Settle Burma's Problems

"New York Tribune's" Suggestion

NEW YORK, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): India as a mediator could play a decisive role in the settlement of Burma's problems, the New York Herald Tribune declared today.

"It is difficult to forecast the result of the present situation in Burma," the paper said.

"One possibility is the use of the good auspices of other nations including India, to produce an agreement giving the Karens partial autonomy.

BOMBAY GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

BOMBAY, April 15 (A.P.I.): Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, has been indisposed, necessitating cancellation of his public engagements. He was stated to be much better today and is expected to resume his engagements in a couple of days.

U. N. Ruling On Use Of Veto

FLUSHING MEADOW, April 15 (PTI-Reuter)—The United Nations by an overwhelming majority decided last night that the veto should only be used in exceptional cases.

The General assembly, after an exhaustive debate, which ranged over all subjects including the Atlantic Pact, ruled that the Great Powers should confine their use of the Veto to certain items of paramount importance. The Assembly adjourned for Easter.

BAO DAI TO BE HEAD OF NEW VIETNAM

Fresh Complaints Against Cochin-China Elections

SAIGON, April 15. (PTI-Reuter)—Fresh complaints were lodged here today against April 10 elections for a Cochin-China Assembly to decide for or against Cochin-China's participation in the new Vietnam State.

The new State will be led by Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam who is now in Europe. He has made Cochin-China's participation a condition for his return to Indo-China, and is due to leave France on April 21.

French official quarters here yesterday denied a local report that Bao Dai might postpone his return because of complaints about the elections.

The complaints are to be considered by a local Administrative Complaints Council which, according to usually well informed sources here today, will not meet before April 20.

This would mean postponement of the Assembly's first session fixed for April 19.

Good Friday In Jerusalem

JERUSALAM, April 15, (PTI-Reuter): Good Friday passed almost unnoticed in Jerusalam except by a few members of the Christian community who crossed to the Old City to attend services. The streets of the City were busy with Jewish visitors from other parts of Palestine and abroad for passover week.

On Sunday the Jaffa Gate in the Western Wall of the Old City will be open all day to allow Christians to attend Easter mass in the Old City's church of the holy sepulchre.

Many members of the diplomatic corps in Israel are expected to attend the ceremonies which include a procession from the Mount of Olives to Calvary.

Wheat Agreement To Go To U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, April 15. (UPA)—State Department Spokesman Michael McDermott announced today that the International Wheat Agreement will probably be sent to the Senate for ratification next week.

Fire Takes Three Lives

DARBHANGA (Bihar), April 15. (API)—One woman and two girls were burnt to death in a fire which broke out in a village about eight miles from Samastipur, in Darbhanga district on Monday night.

REDS RECAPTURE SANKIANGYUN

Nationalist General Arrested For 'Collaboration'

NANKING, April 15 (PTI-Reuter): Chinese Communists last night recaptured Sankiangyun, Government bridgehead north of the Yangtse river, 60 miles east of Nanking, according to reports from the south bank stronghold of Chinkiang today.

Other reports said Lieut-General Tao Hung-Chao, Commander of the Chinkiang forces, had been arrested on suspicion of collaboration with north bank Communists.

These reports said his arrest was the climax of a series of about 130 arrests of members of the Kiangsu Provincial Government and "pacification headquarters" and of the Chinkiang District Administration.

Government forces had retaken the Sankiangyun bridgehead yesterday, but reinforced Communists regained their positions after three hours' fighting.

RECORD SLUMP IN GOLD YUAN

Slow progress in the Peiping talks caused a record slump in China's inflated Gold Yuan currency today. The Gold Yuan, which stood at 90,000 to the United States dollar early yesterday, soared to 123,000 this morning.

The slump coincided with a record increase in the Shanghai Municipal Government's cost of living index, which showed a rise of 345 per cent in 15 days.

The Communist New China news agency today claimed that 30,000 stray Government soldiers, including 25 generals, were rounded up in Pieping last month. Over 27,000 were allowed to return home or were reorganised into the Communist army, while others were studying in training classes.

Shanghai authorities are expected to start releasing all political prisoners in a days according to unconfirmed Chinese reports. Students and cultural workers are expected to be freed first.

SHANGHAI POLITICALS TO BE RELEASED

SHANGHAI, April 15 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Shanghai authorities are expected to begin to release all political prisoners within a few days, according to unconfirmed Chinese reports.

The Judicial Administration Ministry in Nanking is said to have sent a directive on the subject to the Shanghai district court.

Students and cultural workers detained for political offences will be released first. The reports stated.

NEHRU GIVES PARTY FOR NIECE'S WEDDING

NEW DELHI, April 15. (API)—The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, held a reception at his residence this evening in connection with the wedding of his niece, Chandralekha Pandit, daughter of Shrimati Vijayalakshmi with Mr. Ashok Mehta son of Mr. N. C. Mehta and Mrs. Mehta.

Over a thousand guests, including the Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Members of the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps, high officials and non-officials attended the function.

LORD BOYD-ORR FOR DELHI

BOMBAY, April 15. (API)—Lord Boyd-Orr, former Director-General of Food and Agricultural organisations of the United Nations, arrived in Bombay from London by air tonight on his way to New Delhi. He was accompanied by his wife.

No Troops Or Military Aid To China From U S.

"FURTHER HELP WILL ONLY PROLONG WAR," SAYS ACHESON

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UPA): Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today he believed that further United States aid to China would merely prolong the war of which the Chinese people were thoroughly weary, and added the United States intended to send neither troops nor military help of any kind to the Nationalist Government.

In a letter to Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Acheson said: "To furnish solely military advise and aid would only prolong the hostilities and suffering of the Chinese people and would arouse in them deep resentment against the United States. They want peace at any price."

He opposed a bill by Democratic Senotor Pat McCarran to give the Nationalists dol. 1,500,000,000 in new aid, saying such a venture would "almost surely be catastrophic. Acheson added, however, because of uncertainty in the peace negotiations, it would be unwise "precipitously" to cut off U.S. economic relief to areas under Nationalist control.

He said consideration was being given to disposal of dol. 54,000,000 in China aid money remaining from last year's funds.

REDS CAN TAKE OVER ALL CHINA

Acheson said the Communists have the military power to take over all of China whereas the Nationalists were finished, and at no time during the past year had they (the Communists) lost any battles for lack of arms. He added the Communists captured the bulk of military supplies shipping by the United States to the Nationalists since V-J Day.

He said: "There is no evidence furnishing of additional military material would alter the pattern of current developments in China. There is, however, ample evidence the Chinese people are weary of hostilities and there is overwhelming desire for peace at any price."

Acheson rejected the idea of using American troops in the "fratricidal warfare", adding, "it would be contrary to our traditional policy toward China and the interests of this country."

McCarran proposed not only more military aid but shipments of silver to stabilize Nationalist currency. Acheson commented that realistic estimates of China's future ability" made it unlikely she would ever be able to repay U.S. loans, and the plan to support the currency would not check China's "inflationary spiral". He added that past efforts to move China toward economic and political stability had failed.

SENATOR DEMANDS CONGRESSIONAL PROBE

Republican Senator Styles Bridges today demanded a Congressional investigation of Secretary of State Dean Acheson's policy against any further United States military aid to Nationalist China, saying that Acheson committed a "thoughtless, tactless, unfriendly and damaging act."

In a letter to Senator Tom Connally chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Bridges said Acheson's stand might be called sabotage of Nationalist efforts against the Communists and said it was a strange quirk that State Department policy was for fighting Communism in Europe but not in China.

'Reds' Attack On Wuhu Abandoned

NANKING, April 15, (PTI-Reuter): Communist forces have abandoned an attack on Nationalist positions opposite Wuhu, on the Yangtse river, 60 miles south of Nanking. They were said to have left a note asking local residents to bury their dead.

NANKIN'S 10 TREATIES WITH U. S.

Chinese Reds Insist On Their Abrogation

SHANGHAI, April 15. (PTI-Reuter): Ten treaties and agreements between Nationalist China and the United States and regarded by the Communists as traitorous were named today by Shanghai's commercial journal, quoting "authoritative sources in Nanking".

Their abrogation constitutes one of the eight points insisted on by the Communists as a basis for peace negotiations.

The journal named the treaties as follows:

1. The Commercial Navigation Treaty of November 1946.
2. The Aid Agreement of October 17, 1946.
3. The Agreement of October 27, 1947 approving the stationing of United States troops in China
4. The Agreement of October 26, 1947.
5. The Customs, Tariff and Trade Pact of October 1947.
6. (The Educational Fund Agreement of November 1947.
7. The Naval Agreement of December 1947.
8. The Inland Navigation Agreement of June 1948.
9. The Agreement in March 1948 permitting Major General Claire Chennault, United States Air Force Commander, to operate civil air transport in China.
10. The Bilateral Agreement.

WASHINGTON, April 15 (PTI-Reuter): The American Federation of Labour, announced today that Mr. Irving Brown, the Federation's European representative will represent it at Trade Union conferences in India in May.

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plus dearness and other allowances in accordance with the rules in force.

N.B.—Indian Currency Rs. 100 are equivalent to O. S. Rs. 116-10-3.

Applications from candidates in Government service must be accompanied by an authority from the Head of the Department that permission to apply has been granted.

Selected candidates will be appointed on probation for a period of six months in the first instance.

Applications should be submitted in the prescribed form only which can be obtained from the Labour Bureau, General Manager's Office, N. S. Railway, Secunderabad, on payment of O. S. Re. 1/- either in person or by Money Order. The full name and address of the applicant must be entered clearly IN INK in block capital letters IN ENGLISH on the Money Order coupon on which the post for which the application form is required should also be clearly stated: otherwise the Money Order will not be accepted

The application forms will be issued upto 30-4-1949 and the forms duly filled in must be received at the Labour Bureau on or before 31-5-1949.

G. SURYANARAYANA,
Personnel Officer.
Secunderabad-Dn.,
D/4th April, 1949. 4005

BOMBAY PORT TRUST
DRAFTSMEN

APPLICATIONS are invited for two temporary posts of DRAFTSMEN in the grade of Rs. 210-15-300 with house allowance of Rs. 20 - upto and including Rs. 250/- and 10% of pay subject to usual conditions on Rs. 251/- and above, compensatory allowance Rs. 17/8/- and dearness allowance of Rs. 60/ per month or as may be sanctioned from time to time.

Candidates should hold a diploma in Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering, Poona or from other recognised institutions or have served for at least 15 years in a reputable firm of structural engineers or a Public Body. They should be conversant with detailing of structural steel, reinforced concrete work, etc. Previous experience of harbour work will be an advantage. Higher starting pay will be offered depending upon qualifications and experience.

Applications giving age, nationality, and full particulars of qualifications and experience (with dates) and copies of testimonials, which will not be returned, should reach the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, not later than 30th April, 1949.

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

CHIEF ENGINEER.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. 4059

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the posts of Executive Engineers, Deputy Engineers, Overseers, Draftsmen, Assistant Draftsmen and Tracers to be appointed under the Bombay Housing Board.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS: Scale of Pay Rs. 500-30-650-E.B.-45-1100 plus the Bombay Local Allowance, Dearness Allowance and House Rent Allowance admissible as per B.C.S.R. in force from time to time. Minimum Qualification: Graduate in Civil Engineering of a recognised University and experience of at least 10 years in the design and construction of roads, water supply, drainage and buildings in a responsible position.

DEPUTY ENGINEERS: Scale of Pay Rs. 220-15-400-E.B.-20-500-E.B.-25-650, plus the Bombay Local Allowance, Dearness Allowance and House Rent Allowance admissible as per B.C.S.R. in force from time to time. Minimum Qualification: Graduate in Civil Engineering or Mechanical and Electrical Engineering of a recognised University and experience of at least 5 years in the design and construction of roads, water supply, drainage and buildings for Graduates in Civil Engineering and Electric Works for Graduates in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

OVERSEERS: Scale of Pay Rs. 80-5-100-8-140-E.B.-10-230-E.B.-10-270, plus the usual allowances admissible as per B.C.S.R. in force from time to time. Graduates (B. E. Civil) may be given higher starting salary upto Rs. 200/- and D.C.E.s upto Rs. 132/- Per Month Minimum Qualification: Graduates or D.C.E.s in Civil, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering. Training in Engineering Department and firms will be an additional qualification.

DRAFTSMEN: Scale of Pay Rs. 100-4-120-5-170 or Rs. 110-10-180 according to qualifications.

ASSISTANT DRAFTSMEN: Scale of Pay Rs. 70-5-130 or Rs. 70-3-85-4-125 according to qualifications.

TRACERS: Scale of Pay Rs. 46-3-85-E.B.-4-105.

AGE LIMIT: For all is 25 to 50 years. However retired persons may apply stating the post held by them at the time of retirement and the salary and allowances drawn.

Intending candidates may apply to the Housing Commissioner, stating age, nationality, qualification, experience minimum salary required with copies of certificates which will not be returned, before 28th April, 1949.

T. C. KANTAWALLA.
Housing Commissioner, Bombay.

Office of the
Housing Commissioner,
Esplanade Maidan,
Cruickshank Road,
Fort, Bombay.
12-4-1949. 4047

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 25

APPLICATIONS INVITED for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. Age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) 14th May, 1949. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE refugee and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Separate application with separate fee required for each post. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commissioner for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

1. 3 TEMPORARY PROFESSORS (ONE EACH FOR MEDICINE, SURGERY AND PATHOLOGY) FOR THE ARMED FORCES MEDICAL COLLEGE, POONA, UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. Temporary on 3 years contract extendable to 5 years. If suitable Indians are not available, non-Indian will be considered for appointment. No age-limits. PAY:—Rs. 1300-100-1900 (Pay includes pension in the case of retired officers). Higher initial pay may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate, Private practice not allowed. Non-practising allowance upto Rs. 500/- p.m. as recommended by the F.P.S.C. will be admissible in lieu of it. Qualifications —(i) Registrable medical qualifications with at least one recognised post-graduate degree or diploma. (ii) Minimum of 10 years experience in teaching as Professors and/or research to their credit in their respective subjects.

2. ONE TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, COTTAGE INDUSTRIES, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT WING OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES, NEW DELHI, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY. AGE:—Between 35 and 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants. PAY:-Rs. 1300-60-1600. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL:—(i) Good Honours Degree of a recognised University or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Administrative ability and experience of a high order. (iii) Must have held a responsible position under a Provincial or a State Government or in a reputable non-official organisation connected with the development of small scale and cottage industries. (iv) Specialised experience of the organisation, economics and technique of different cottage industries (preferably in different parts of the country), the supply of raw materials to such industries, the marketting of their products and the training of artisans and craftsmen. DESIRABLE:—Experience of the co-operative organisation of small scale and cottage industries and familiarity with the problems of rural economy. Note:—The above qualifications may be relaxed in suitable cases at the discretion of the Federal Public Service Commission.

3. ONE TEMPORARY DEPUTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, COTTAGE INDUSTRIES (MARKETTING) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT WING OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES, NEW DELHI, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & SUPPLY. AGE:—Between 30 and 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants. PAY:—Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050-1100-1100-1150. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL:— (i) Must have had specialised experience of marketing of the products of cottage industries and small scale industries through co-operative or commercial organisations. (ii) Must have held a responsible position either in a Provincial or State Government or in a reputable non-official organisation or in a reputable commercial firm connected with the marketing of the products of small scale and cottage industries. (iv) Must be familiar with the location of the various cottage industries in different parts of India, the character of their production and the demand for their products both in India and abroad. DESIRABLE:—Knowledge of Industrial and rural finance. Note: —The above qualifications may be relaxed in suitable cases at the discretion of the Federal Public Service Commission.

4. 11 PROGRAMME SUPERVISORS, ALL INDIA RADIO, NEW DELHI, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING, Posts temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:—Below 35 years. Relaxable for Government servants. PAY:—Rs. 350-25-500-E.B.-30-650. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL:—(i) Degree of a recognised University, with good academic record. (ii) Capacity for leadership, organisation and public relations and administrative ability. (iii) Evidence of general knowledge and grasp of Indian and world affairs and cultural trends. (iv) Sound knowledge of at least one Indian language. (v) Alertness and good personality. DESIRABLE:—(i) Some experience of literary and/or artistic work. (ii) Knowledge of an additional Indian language.

5. ONE TEMPORARY MANAGER, MAIL MOTOR SERVICE, BOMBAY, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. AGE:—Below 28 years. PAY:—Rs. 275-25-500-E.B.-30-650-E.B.-30-800. Higher initial pay upto Rs. 500/- may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS :—ESSENTIAL :—Must be a qualified Automobile Engineer. DESIRABLE:—(i) Two years' training in holding administrative charge of a transport concern consisting of at least fifty vehicles. (ii) Five years' practical experience with a motor firm repute.

6. 2 TECHNICAL OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. Posts permanent and pensionable but appointment will be made on a temporary basis for the present. AGE:—Below 35 years. No age limits for permanent Government servants. PAY —Rs. 350-350-380-380-30-590-E.B.-30-770-40-850. QUALIFICATIONS: —(i) Degree in Engineering of a recognised University or an equivalent qualification. (ii) Thorough knowledge of radio equipment and power supplies used in aeronautical communications and their maintenance. (iii) Experience in the installation, maintenance, overhaul and testing of Radio and Radar transmitting/receiving aerial equipment from the ground stations. (iv) Experience of workshop practices.

7. ONE PERMANENT SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. AGE:—Below 40 years No age-limits for permanent Government servants. PAY:—Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050- 1050-1100 -1100-1150. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL:—(i) Advanced Research Degree in Physical Science or Engineering, or an equivalent qualification. (ii)A recognised Diploma or University Degree in Aeronautics or Aeronautical Engineering. (iii) At least five years' total experience of research or practical aeronautical work in an aircraft factory or other recognised institution (including any period of research work for a degree). The period must include a substantial period of employment in a responsible capacity. DESIRABLE:—Experience in the application of aircraft airworthiness standards for civil aircraft operators. Note:—Preference given to candidates with high academic distinction.

8. ONE TEMPORARY ART EXECUTIVE (GAZETTED) IN THE ADVERTISING BRANCH OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING. AGE:—No age limits. PAY:—Maximum Rs. 1000/- p.m. QUALIFICATIONS.—(i) Diploma of a recognised institution with Commercial Art as one of the subjects. (ii) Experience as Art Director of a large commercial studio or an equivalent organisation under Government. (iii) Creative ability and ability to produce visuals and layouts.

9. ONE TEMPORARY DEPUTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER COTTAGE INDUSTRIES (INDUSTRIAL DESIGN) IN THE DEVELOPMENT WING OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES, New Delhi, Ministry of Industry & Supply. AGE:—Between 30 and 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants. PAY:—Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050- 1050- 1100- 1100-1150. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL:— (i) Good General Education, not below Matriculation. (ii) Must have satisfactorily completed a course of training in Fine Arts in a recognised School of Art or a School of Arts and Crafts. (iii) Must have held a responsible position either under a Provincial or State Government or in a recognised School of Arts and Crafts or in a reputable non-official organisation devoted to the development of cottage industries. (iv) Must have specialised experience in the field of designs for small scale and cottage industries. DESIRABLE. —Experience of the organisation and designs of cottage industries in other countries. Note:—The above qualifications may be relaxed in suitable cases at the discretion of the Federal Public Service Commission.

10. ONE PERMANENT PROFESSOR OF ENTOMOLOGY AT THE CENTRAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, DELHI, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. Other things being equal, preference will be given to a person displaced from Pakistan. AGE:—Between 30 and 45 years. No age limits for permanent Government servants. PAY:—Rs. 600- 40 -1000 -1000 -1050 -1050-1100-1100-1150. QUALIFICATIONS: ESSENTIAL:—(i) M.Sc. degree in Zoology or M.Sc., (Agri.) degree in Agricultural Zoology—Entomology of an Indian or good foreign university. (ii) Specialised training in Entomology. DESIRABLE: — (i) About 5 years' teaching experience in Agricultural Zoology-Entomology. (ii) Degree in Zoology and Agricultural Zoology-Entomology.

SIX PERMANENT JUNIOR INSPECTORS OF MINES FOR THE MINES DEPARTMENT, Ministry of Labour (Central Service Class II). In partial modification of Commission's Advertisement No. 23, which appeared on the 9th April, 1949, it is notified for general information that higher initial pay may be given to specially well-qualified and experienced candidates in the scale prescribed viz., Rs. 500-30-770-40-850. Closing date remains 23rd April, 1949. 4050.

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 24.

APPLICATIONS invited for selection of six Research Officers Ministry of Finance (Central Service Class II), from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Candidates applying from outside India should deposit the fees with the High Commissioner for India or the Indian Ambassador or the Government of India's Agent as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. The Commission may at their discretion remit the application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE REFUGEE and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so. Applications on plain paper accompanied by a Treasury Receipt or a Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) and giving the undermentioned particulars should reach the Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi, before the 30TH APRIL, 1949. The Postal Order should be marked payable to the Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission at the New Delhi Post Office. 1. Name of the post for which applying. 2. Name and Address. 3. Father's Name. 4. Date and Place of Birth. 5. Domicile. 6. Qualifications. 7. Previous Experience. 8. Full details (with dates and salary drawn) of the previous employment if any. 9. Names (with addresses) of 3 persons as references. They should be holders of responsible positions but must not be relations. Appointments terminable by one month's notice on either side during the probationary period and by three months notice thereafter. Selected candidates to join duty immediately after selection and will be required to serve at New Delhi. Posts temporary upto 28th February, 1950 for oresent but likely to be extended further. Probationary period six months. Age: Below 30 years. Age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Upper age limit relaxable by three years in case of Scheduled Caste candidates. PAY: Rs. 350-25-500-E.B.-30-650-E. B.-30-800. QUALIFICATIONS: 1ST CLASS: M.A. Degree in Economics of a recognised University or an equivalent qualification; Candidates, who have already applied in response to the Commission's earlier advertisements No. 68 of 1948 and 3 of 1949 need not apply again. 4049

NOTICE

No. 25. SECRETARY, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, WEST BENGAL invites applications on prescribed form with a treasury chalan for Rs. 5/- under the head "XXXVI-Misc.-Receipts of the Public Service Commission, West Bengal" not later than the 7th May, 1949, to fill posts of two Preparatory School Mistresses, at Victoria Boys' and Dow Hill Girls' Schools, Kurseong on contract for five years. Pay Rs. 200-320 plus ad-interim increase in pay and dearness allowance. Moderately furnished free quarters. Higher initial pay in the scale may be granted to exceptionally well qualified candidates on the basis of age upto 31 years (Rs 260). Qualifications: Preparatory School Training at recognised Training Institution and at least 3 years' teaching experience in the primary department of a school: a University degree and proficiency in music and elocution will be considered additional qualifications. Particulars obtainable from the office of the Commission, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta 27, personally or on sending a self-addressed stamped envelope. The prescribed application form priced annas two each will be available from all District Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries in West Bengal, the Sales Depot of the Publication Branch, Writers' Buildings, Calcutta. Persons residing outside West Bengal may obtain the form from the office of the Commission on sending the price in postage stamps. 4069

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED the following temporary staff for the Ore. Mines & Quarries of the Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. (1) 3 Surveyors, in the grade of Rs. 120-10-170 p.m. Qualification: Upper Sub-ordinate Diploma in Civil Engineering from a recognised Engineering Institution with at least 2 years experience. (2) 4 Assistant Surveyors in the grade of Rs. 75-5-100 p.m. Qualifications Lower Sub-ordinate Certificate in Engineering with at least 2 years experience. In addition to salary, the candidates will get usual dearness allowances, free unfurnished bachelor's quarters, water, fuel and medical attendance. Higher start within the grade to suitable candidates.

Applications with particulars of qualifications, experience and age should reach the Assistant Director of Personnel (Employments), Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur, on or before 30th April, 1949.

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THE INDIAN GLIDING ASSOCIATION, LTD.

Registered Office.
Brabourne Stadium, Churchgate Street, BOMBAY.

NOTICE

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Indian Gliding Association Ltd., will be held on Wednesday 20th April 1949, at 6-0 p.m. (S.T.) at H. M. Mehta & Co's Office, Mehta House, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

1. To read the Notice convening the Meeting.
2. To read and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
3. To receive and adopt the Report and pass Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1948.
4. To elect President for the ensuing year.
5. To elect 20 Members of the Council for the ensuing year.
6. To elect Auditors for the ensuing year.

N. R. MODY,
Hon. Secretary.
The Indian Gliding Association Ltd.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF One lot C. T. S Wire, Elec Transformers, Cinema Slide Machine, one big lot Elec Cable boxes, and Main line large cable boxes Elec. Starters, Water heaters, Water lights, Water pumps Chemicals, etc., on THURSDAY, 21st instant at 10 a.m. (S.T.) at Iron and Steel Yard, Messrs. Balmer Lawrie & Co., Shed No. 12, opposite Wadi Bunder, G. I. P. near Goods Depot under instructions from Mr. B. M. M.

Terms: 25 per cent Cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of Unclaimed Goods at Military Forwarding Office, V. T. Platform No. 8, including articles said to be of gold and silver, old and new clothes, blankets, durries, pillows, books, vessels, boots and shoes, tins and trunks, medicines, biddis and cigarettes, hats, caps, etc., on TUESDAY 3rd, WEDNESDAY, 4th and THURSDAY, 5th May, 1949, at 11 a.m. (S.T.) each day under instructions from G. I. P. Railway and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act 9 of 1890.

Terms: Full cash and delivery soon. Licence required for controlled articles. lots fetching not reasonable prices will be withdrawn and lots once sold will not be taken back.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS NAVLAKHI BUNGALOW AT MANPESHWAR ROAD, BORIVLI.

Messrs GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from Messrs. Thakoredas & Madgavkar, Attorneys for Mr. Babubhai Gulabdas Navlakhi, the Proving Executor of the last Will and Codicil of late Gulabdas Dharamdas Navlakhi, sell by Public Auction on SUNDAY, 24th instant at 4 p.m. (S. T.) at Borivli, the undermentioned immovable property on premises.

All that piece of land with bungalow at Eastern side of Manpeshwar Road (Mount Poisar) at Borivli admeasuring 4,474 sq. yds. or thereabouts bearing Survey No. 95, Pot No. 1 and 2 Survey No. 94, Pot No. 1 and 2, Survey No. 93, Pot No 1.

For particulars apply to Messrs. Thakoredas & Madgavkar, Solicitors, or to us.

AUCTION SALE of 3 cases English Printed Mercerized Lawn Total 264 pieces, total 5197 1/2 yds. approx. 47",48" on TUESDAY, 19th instant at 3 p.m. (S.T.) at Champa Gulli, M. J. Market near Fire Brigade, under instructions from Messrs. G. Keshavlal and on account and at risk of Messrs. B. Vithaldas (Chikhal Gully, M. J. Market), the defaulting purchasers.

Terms: 25 per cent Cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of Assorted 419 Woollen carpets, 41 bundles Rubber Hose Pipe, Bates eyelatters, and list finders, Remington Type writer, Raxine (Plastic sheeting), plastic for over coats, English picking bends, etc., on MONDAY, 25th instant at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at our Rooms at 72 Medows Street, under instructions from the Office concerned.

Terms: 25 per cent Cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE OF ONE COMMAND CAR 16 Cylinder, USA. on MONDAY, 25th instant at 3 p.m. (S.T.) at the compound of "WEST HILL", Napean Sea Road, under instructions from the Regional Commissioner, (Disposals), Bombay.

Terms: Full cash and delivery soon.

GANDHI & CO.

City Corporation: Week By Week

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party to submit a representation to the Government drawing their attention to the difficulties experienced by the public in the working of the Shops and Establishments Acts. The other has been called at the instance of the Opposition for making a representation to the Government in the matter of grave irregularities at the S.C.S. Examinations resulting in prejudice to thousands of students in their test at a critical juncture of their career.

IN THE SUBURBS

Final results of the Parle-Andheri Municipal elections prove that the Ballot Box has favoured the Socialists. They hold 12 out of the 30 seats. Had they not lost three seats by a handful of votes, 65 in one case, 39 in another and just 10 votes in a third one they would have been in a majority on their own strength. However they are the largest single party in the Municipality and, being the first organised and disciplined party to enter there, they are likely to get control of the administration. Incidentally the Socialists in Parle-Anheri Municipality are exactly in the same position in which the Congress party found itself in the City Corporation after the general elections in Feb. 1948. In a House four times the number of the suburban Municipality, the Congress Party had less than 50 of its own members but the co-operation of the Muslim Leaguers and a few independents gave them a working majority. The Socialists in Parle-Andheri are also likely to get the support of a number of Independents and with their aid they may form a working majority. Already efforts to that end are in progress.

The earlier results of the elections were deceptive and rather disappointing for the Socialists. In six out of the eight Wards, they were able to secure only half a dozen seats and depending on this ratio some Independents perhaps imagined that the Socialist number would not go beyond eight. I had said last week that they were likely to get six more seats and results have proved me right. In the last two Wards, out of the seven contested seats six went to them, three out of four in one and all the three in the last Ward. This change in the party strength has damped the enthusiasm of the non-Socialists and they have practically given up the hope of forming a majority of their own. They also seem to realise now that even if by any chance they could bring all the rest together it will not be possible for them to hold the motley crowd against the Socialists who have been returned on a definite party label and a programme that they had placed before the electorate.

DISTRIBUTIVE VOTING

A detailed study of the figures of these elections is very interesting. It gives an idea as to how the distributive system of voting in multi-member constituencies with seats reserved for various minorities and other interests functions and what results it produces. Such a study goes to show that out of 30,000 voters, 12,000 came to the polls. But all of them did not use all the votes they had. Had they used all the votes, the number would have been nearly 39,000 but only 78 per cent of these votes were used and the remaining 28 per cent were wasted. The Socialists with 26 per cent of the polled votes in their favour were able to secure 40 per cent of the contested seats, while the rest with 64 per cent of the votes they collected could get 60 per cent of the seats. Out of the votes polled by the Socialists 61 per cent went to successful candidates and 39 per cent were polled by unsuccessful candidates. In the case of the rest 58 per cent of the votes polled by them brought seats while 42 per cent were wasted on unsuccessful candidates.

A more detailed analysis will give a clearer picture of the first experiment of its kind in a suburban place but space here will not permit me to do so. It can, however, be said that a party with a policy and programme and proper propaganda machine to approach the voters and bring them to the polling booths can achieve results, inspite of the inherent difficulties of the distributive system which works against the minorities. That is the lesson of Parle-Andheri elections which political parties should not ignore.

FATAL ASSAULT

BOMBAY Friday

Damodar Hemchand Shah who alleged to have been assaulted by his domestic servant died yesterday night at a city hospital.

It was stated that the domestic servant and the wife of the deceased had a quarrel some time ago. Yesterday, when Shah was going to his place at Gaiwadi he was assaulted with lathi by his servant. The victim was removed to a hospital where he expired.

The Police are making inquiries about the servant who is still at large.

AUCTION SALES

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A.M. Property of S. Miller Esqr. and others at Seth Babulal Mansion Chawpatty Sea face of complete household and office furniture, 72 ins. Dann and small Godrej and Austrian safe, steel almirah typewriter, Singer hand and foot machine, Eng. large ice box, partition, zoola sofa cabinet, dining writing and dressing table, show case, Chesterfield almirah, bed, binocular, Elec. fan, gramophone, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213 EASTERN AUCTION CO.

MYSORE EDITOR FELICITATED

Mr. Ramaiya's Advice To Press To Assert Their Independence

BOMBAY, April 15: Eloquent tributes were paid to the services of Mr. P. R. Ramaiya, the Managing Editor of "Tai Nadu" and "Daily News" of Bangalore, to the cause of journalism in Mysore, at a reception given by Mr. A. Subba Rao, the editor of the "India Press Service" at the club of the Bombay Union of Journalists, on Thursday evening. A large number of city journalists were present in the gathering. Mr. S. P. Thyagarajan was in the chair.

Mr. Subba Rao, welcoming the distinguished guest from Bangalore, recalled the struggles and sacrifices of the Mysore Press in the cause of the Freedom movement and for Responsible Government in Mysore state. The role of "Tai Nadu", in this field was very significant. He also requested Mr. Ramaiya to lend his hand of help to better the lot of journalists in Mysore state and help them to organise themselves into a Trade Union.

Mr. Ramaiya in a suitable reply expressed his delight to be in the midst of brother journalists in Bombay and pleaded for greater association of all journalists of India. He advised journalists to be more daring and adventurous. Journalism was itself a great adventure, and there was no other profession which gave an opportunity to serve his country.

Referring to the Freedom of Press under the new set-up of a responsible government in Mysore, he expressed great disappointment and said that the Congress leaders who once depended on the press during the freedom struggle were now trying to suppress it and dictate to them. He compress it and dictate to them. He cautioned the press to stand up to it and assert its independence. Mr. Ramaiya also referred to the recent trend in Business entering into journalism on a profit motive and interfering with the editorial work of the newspapers. He asked the editors not to sell out to the proprietors' whims and fancies.

Mr. Ramaiya extended invitation to all Bombay journalists to attend the A.I.N.E.C. at Bangalore next month, and enjoy Mysore journalists' hospitality.

FREEDOM GROUP

Activities For 1948

Extracts from the report of the sixth year of Freedom Group, Bombay from 26-1-1948 to 25-1-1949 are given below:

When the Group, along with the rest of India, celebrated the Independence Day on the 26th January, no one even dreamt that only four days later, an unprecedented tragedy was to overtake our Motherland nay, the entire world. It must be said to the credit of our country that she very well withstood the shock of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. The President of the Group issued a statement on this said occurrence. Almost the first activity of the Group during the year was a condolence meeting to mourn the death of the Mahatma. The President of the Group presided, and amongst those who spoke were Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Shri R. P. Masani and Shri M. D. Japheth. The meeting was well attended.

The Group issued an appeal for generous response to the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund and as for other good causes, lent a helping hand in an effort to swell this fund. The Group has been recognised as official collectors for the Fund. During the year under report, a sum of Rs. 2,911 was collected.

The fifth annual general meeting of the Group was held in April, 1948, when the report and the summary of accounts were unanimously adopted. Prof. P. A. Wadia was re-elected as the President and Shris B. F. Bharucha and R. K. Karanjia as vice-Presidents. Pursuant to the Constitution, a Committee of Management of 12 members was also elected. The aims and objects of the Group were also enlarged to read as follows.

Dewan Chamanlal, the Ambassador for Turkey addressed a crowded public meeting under the auspices of the Group. A very illuminating talk on India's Sterling Balances was given by Prof. C. N. Vakil. The Group also held a meeting in celebration of Independence Day (15th August), jointly with the Zarthosti Unnati Dwara.

INTER-COMMUNAL FRATERNITY CONFERENCE

The idea of sponsoring an Inter-Communal Fraternity Conference took shape during the year. It received widespread support, and the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, the All-India Women's Conference, the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, the Radical Democratic Party and even some commercial associations, such as the Leather Goods Manufacturers and Dealers' Association, the Rubber Goods Dealers' Association showed their willingness to co-operate.

CONCLUSION

In a landscape where the horizon was so long, clouded with the mist of communal distrust and discord, an organisation like the Freedom Group, with the enlarged scope given to it by its amended aims and objects, should be considered a salutary institution, that, in its own humble way, can play its part in cementing and unifying the forces of secularism and nationalism. If the Group has not been able to spread its message of goodwill among communities for the re-generation of the Motherland, it is because it has been hampered for lack of greater financial support.

ARRESTED FOR ILLICIT DISTILLATION

BOMBAY, Friday.

Three Christain youngmen and a woman were arrested by the Police, following a raid at Daruwalla Building, Tadwadi, Girgaum, when an illicit distillery and liquor were discovered by the Police, yesterday night.

It was stated that the Police seized 12 gallons of wash and about two gallons of illicit liquor and other paraphernalia.

CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

Next Annual Session In Delhi In December

At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Indian Conference of social work held in Bombay recently under the Presidentship of the Hon'ble Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, it has been decided to hold the next Annual Session of the Conference at Delhi during the last week of December 1949. Among those who attended the meeting from outside Bombay were Hon'ble Shri R. K. Bose, Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, Orissa, Mr. N. S. Mankiker, Chief Adviser Factories, Delhi, Mrs. Mary N. Clubwalla from Madras, Dr. M. N. Mahadevan from Bangalore, Mrs. Saraladevi Sarabhai from Ahmedabad and Mr. S. R. Bharatiya from Allahabad.

SOCIAL WORK ABROAD

A Symposium on 'Social Work Abroad' has been organised simultaneously with the next session of the Conference wherein representatives of the U.S.A., U.S.S.R., U.K. Australia, Sweden, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia will participate. The participating countries will also send suitable material for a pictorial Exhibition of Social Welfare Activities, which is proposed to depict the development and contents of social services in various countries of the world through visual aids. In this Exhibition, International Social Welfare Organisations like the U. N. Division of Social Activities, International Labour Office, International Refugee Organisation, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., International Red Cross and others are expected to participate.

Discussion at the Conference session will be divided into the following groups: "State and Social Services (including Rural and Backward tribes' welfare)"; "Co-ordination of Social Work"; "Family and Child including Work", "Family and Child Welfare including Youth Welfare"; and "Social Work in Industry".

Later, the Finance sub-committee of the Conference met to devise ways and means to raise funds. It has been decided to launch a campaign to enrol Patrons, Life Members and Foundation Members of the Conference.

Bombay Headmasters' Association

This meeting of the Headmasters' Association of Bombay City and Suburbs held on 12th April, 1949, in view of several complaints received by its individual members from their pupils and their guardians in connection with the general conduct of the last S.S.C. Examination and particularly with regard to:—

(1) Undue delay in displaying the seat numbers to some candidates at various centres. (2) Confusion in assigning seat numbers to some candidates, (3) Leakage of some question papers at certain centres, (4) Inordinate delay in and uneven distribution of question papers at several centres, (5) Shortage of question papers at some centres, (6) Grossly misleading misprints and bad printing of question papers, (7) Delay in supplying note books and graph papers at certain centres, (8) Delay, irregularity and confusion in despatch of answer books and corresponding mark sheets to examiners, and several other irregularities resulting from the gross mismanagement of the examination, request the Government of Bombay to institute an "immediate, independent" inquiry, apart from the departmental inquiry, in order to safeguard the interests of thousands of S.S.C.E. candidates, who had to undergo considerable hardship and inconvenience and great physical and nervous strain for no fault of theirs, so that the innocent candidates may not be made to suffer in any way for the incompetence of the organisers and in order to remove the apprehensions from the minds of the candidates and their parents regarding similar bungling in the preparation and announcement of the results and for more methodical and efficient conduct of the examination in future".

"It is further resolved that the President of the Association is authorised to send copies of this resolution to the (1) Minister of Education (2) Jt. Secretary, Education and Industries Dept. Government of Bombay (3) Educational Adviser to the Government of Bombay (4) D.P.I. (5) Chairman, S.S.C.E. Board (6) Chairman, Board of Secondary Education and (7) The Press".

Bombay Seamen's Union

The Joint Secretary of the Seamen's Union, Bombay, has issued the following statement.

According to a report published in certain sections of the press "The Government of India have accorded recognition to the wartime Board of Bombay which will henceforth be tripartite in composition with the inclusion of two Government Representatives on it".

The Seamen's Union, Bombay, has repeatedly protested against the setting up of the Maritime Board, which according to us is nothing but a fifth column of the Shipping Companies. In June 1947 this fake body was created with the conivance of the National Seamen's Union. The Seamen of Bombay are aware of the nefarious activities of the National Seamen's Union, a veritable Congress, League Capitalist combine, which has made corruption and bribery its main business.

Rashtrabhasha Examination

The Rashtrabhasha Examination of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, will be held today (Saturday) (Parichaya, Kovid and Ratna) and tomorrow (Sunday) (all examinations) between 10-30 and 5-30 p.m. at the following centres in Bombay:—

Fort, Girgaum, (two places) Kalbadevi, Mandvi, Dongri, Parel, Dadar (at two places), Mahim, Matunga, Bandra, Khar, Santacruz, Vileparle, Andheri, Nav-Gujarat, Malad, Kandivli, Borivali, Virar and Ghatkoper.

Candidates should be present half an hour before at their respective examination centre with their Hall tickets. This time in all 7301 candidates are appearing from Bombay for these examinations.

Sun Life Of Canada

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE 1948 Annual Report of Canada's largest life assurance company—the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada—reveals that Rs. 31,83,22,464 was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries during the year, bringing total payments since organization to Rs. 644,46,58,281. New assurances secured over the twelve months amounted to Rs. 113,53,10,748 while assurances in force now stand at Rs. 12,39,16,18,733. Assets now total Rs. 451,77,88,003, an increase of Rs. 21 crores during the year. The evergrowing goodwill which is enjoyed by the Sun Life of Canada is due to the diversity and liberality of the Company's life assurance policies, to the character of its representatives, and to the promptness and efficiency, of its service to policyholders, throughout its entire 78 years' history. To-day more than one and a half million people the world over are safeguarded by the protection and security of Sun Life policies.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1948

ASSETS

Bonds—Government, municipal, public utility and other	Rs. 339,72,24,141
Stocks—Preferred and guaranteed	11,27,82,151
Stocks—Common	21,29,27,432
Mortgage loans on homes, industrial plants, etc.	37,80,06,591
Real estate (including Company's buildings)	4,75,86,338
Loans to policyholders on their policies	17,88,24,726
Outstanding and deferred premiums	6,70,38,745
Interest and rents due and accrued	3,59,37,938
Cash	8,02,06,983
Other assets	72,52,958
	Rs. 451,77,88,003

LIABILITIES

Reserves on assurances	Rs. 276,16,93,618	
Reserves on annuities	81,67,37,200	
		Rs. 357,84,30,818
Policy proceeds and other amounts left at interest for future distribution to policyholders and beneficiaries		43,90,44,215
Amounts set aside for Company retirement plans		7,42,32,231
Death claims reported for which proofs had not been received prior to December 31st		2,90,80,191
Provision for unreported claims		1,23,35,455
Matured endowments, annuity and dividend payments awaiting discharge		2,68,73,191
Dividends payable to policyholders during balance of dividend year and dividends contingently allotted		1,98,17,675
Taxes, commissions, medical fees, etc., due and accrued		1,86,07,888
Miscellaneous reserves and liabilities		2,12,04,670
Accident and sickness insurance fund		7,67,128
Shareholders' account		72,22,909
Capital	Rs. 60,60,606	
Contingency reserve	4,54,54,545	
Surplus	23,86,56,481	
		29,01,71,632
		Rs. 451,77,88,003

The above figures are based on the Reports submitted in dollars to the Canadian Department of Insurance and have been converted into Rupees at the rate of exchange of 0.33 dollars to the rupee.

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STAFFS OF MENTAL HOSPITALS TO BE AUGMENTED

The staffs of the four mental hospitals of the Province at Thana, Yerawada, Dharwar and Ratnagiri, are being augmented to deal with the increasing number of patients.

Representations were made to the government of Bombay by the authorities of the hospitals that they were overcrowded and understaffed. The Government has already appointed a committee to study and report on the increasing cases mental derangement.

Meanwhile government decided to appoint additional staff from April 1, at an estimated total cost of Rs. 75,000. The greatest increase in activety seems to be from the Central mental hospital at Yerawada, which has taken up 32 men and 15 women attendants recently to cope with the work. The next busisest centre is the N. M. hospital, Thana which has added 20 men and 12 women attendants. The other two hospitals at Dharwar and Ratnagiri, have enlarged their staffs on a more modest scale 10 and four persons respectively.

NEED TO PREVENT TUBERCULOSIS

Dr. B. R. Patel Removes Fears About Disease

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. Bhaskar R. Patel, speaking at a health film show held under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Anti-Tuberculosis Association, dispelled the common belief that tuberculosis was an incurable disease. Mr. K. M. Munshi presided.

Dr. Patel said that T. B. was cent per cent curable provided it was tackled in the proper scientific way at the right time. He observed that the important problem was not the cure of the disease, but how to prevent it. Modern science has given the weapon to fight this deadly scourge, he said. Dr. Patel strongly advocated the use of B. C. G. vaccine as a preventive measure.

Mr. Munshi said that the incidents of T. B. was mainly due to unhealthy and unhygienic habits like spitting. Therefore he advised the people, especially children, to lead a clean and hygienic life.

Mr. Homi Tayarkhan proposed a vote of thanks.

Four techni-colour films were shown on the care of health and the importance of hygiene.

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"THE MATING OF MILLIE"
Tomorrow Morning at 10-30 a.m.
GARY COOPER in
"CLOAK AND DAGGER"
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY
CORNEL WILDE in
"THE BANDIT OF SHERWOOD FOREST"
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THIS MORN AT 10-30 A.M.
LIFE OF LORD JESUS CHRIST!
"KING OF KINGS"
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TODAY TO MONDAY!
RONALD COLMAN
in his greatest role.....in
"A DOUBLE LIFE"
with Signe Hasso, Edmond O'Brien
Tomorrow Morning at 10-30 a.m.
LIFE OF LORD JESUS CHRIST!
"KING OF KINGS"
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY!
Yvonne DeCarlo, Tony Martin in
"CASBAH"

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ARVIND & ANAND Productions
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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

"MERI BHABHI"

At Excelsior And Hind Mata

The tender handling by director Shailjanand in Jubilee Pictures' MERI BHABI transcribes family life on the screen in all its smiles and sighs. It stars Ahin Chowdhary Jahar Ganguly, Mouna and Sandhya. It's a story of two step-brothers—who were separated by innocent misunderstanding and were re-united by ardent affection.

"VARASDAR"

At Central

A hilarious comedy in Saurashtra's maiden picture 'Varasdar', comedy reigns supreme. The situations arise naturally out of the story and are based on human foibles. There is no forced attempt at being humorous. Nalini Jaiwant assumes a new personality in this picture. The Gujerati comedian Mansukh Kikani keeps audiences laughing by his antics and acting. 'Varasdar' opens a new chapter in the history of Gujerati Talkies.

"HAMBHI INSAN HAIN"

At Minerva

Romola comes after a long absence in Maya Art Pictures' social "HUM BHI INSAN HAIN" now running at Minerva.

"Hum-Bhi Insan Hain" is a down-to-earth story of the slums. Of the orphan children, Lakhia, Ramlu and Choti, Lakhia the elder sister alone works as a menial servant. Winayak a school teacher takes compassion on them and tries to teach and improve their mode of living But Sethji does not like this. He sacks Winayak from the school. Nothing daunted Winayak decides to marry Lakhia. He is accused of kidnapping her but Lakhia clears up everything.

Director Phani Mazumdar has given us an appealing story.

"Dil-ki-Duniya"

A star-studded motion picture that comes to the Bombay screen is producer J. N. Sharma's maiden venture, 'Dil-ki-Duniya', which is booked for early release at Kamal Talkies as the next change. The stars are headed by Gita Bali, Suman Sule and Munawar Sultana. Based on a story from the pen of Zia Sarhady, who has also written the screenplay, dialogues and songs, 'Dil-ki-Duniya' is directed by Mazhar Khan. The musical score is provided by Pandit Govindram

"Janmapatri"

"JANMAPATRI", written and directed by K. P. Shahani under the banner of Popular Productions is a socio-musical comedy, loaded with laughter, lilting music, powerful dialogue, pretty dances and eight tuneful songs each guaranteed to prove a hit.

The cast includes Sudha Rao, A. Shah the comedian. Zebunissa, who returns to the screen. Hamid, Leela Gupte, Vijay Kumar, Chandabai, Prar, Khatana and Sushila in the major roles The dialogue and songs are by Aziz Kashmiri, photography by T R. Joshi, late of Pancholi Studios, audiography by Navin Shah, and music by Sundaram and Guishan Sufi.

PRATIMA DEVI IN "MERI KAHANI"

"Meri Kahani"

Surendra and Munawar Sultana are co-starred again in Super Team Federal Productions' 'Meri Kahani' which is scheduled for release at the Super from April 22.

'Meri Kahani' is a tale of love—love whose course does not run smooth because of false ideas of family prestige. The lovers marry. But the family findsit against its grain to adopt a girl from the village in their circle, she is victimised, misrepresented to such an extent that the girl has to make herself scarce to save her husband. Only time proves the girl to be in the right—and the lovers are united. The picture is directed by Keki Mistry who has utilized his directorial skill to enhance this effect. Bhudo Advani adds humour to the story.

"NARSINHA MEHTA"

The bard of that immortal song, so dear to Gandhiji, "Vaishnav Jan to Tene re Kahie" lives once again in our midst in the Indian National Theatre's latest offering "NARSINHA MEHTA". No efforts have been spared to capture the atmosphere, music, life, costumes and customs of Saurashtra's life of nearly 500 years ago. The artists, Shri Yogendra Desai, Shri Avinash Vyas, Shri Navin Desai and Shri Bhanu Smart travelled extensively to make "Narsinha Mehta" a faithful portrayal. In this saint poet of Saurashtra there is a happy blending of robust romanticism and deep spiritualism. Nearly five hundred years back he cried aloud in agony against the injustice meted out to "Harijans". He cast aside customs, revolted against the age-old tyranny of caste and make the "slums" of Harijans his abode. He sang with freedom, abundance, and sheer joy and poured out poetry which lives till this day.

The splendour of the land where Narsinha lived, the air he breathed, the songs he sung, the very atmosphere of the times, all have ben vividly captured in this unique artistic treat which INT is indeed proud to present.

Two performances-one on Saturday April 23 and another on Sunday April 24 will take place in a specially erected "Rano Mandir" at Madhav Baug, C. P Tank. The time is 8-30 p.m.

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL

"THE TRIUMPH OF YOUTH" (In Russian Colour).

SWASTIK, KOHINOOR:

"MEETH BHAKAR" starring Vithal Chandrakant, Sulochana, Powar, Anjani, Jaishankar, Bakre and Saroj.

LIBERTY:

"ANDAZ" starring Nargis, Dilip Kumar, Cuckoo V. H. Desai and Raj Kapur.

NEW ROSHAN:

"DAWLAT" starring Madhubala, Mahipal, Eruch Tarapore, Seeta Bose and Janaki Dass.

KAMAL:

"BAZAR" starring Nigar, Shyam, Gope and Yakub.

NOVELTY:

"ACTRESS" starring Rehana, Prem Adib, Meena, David and Misra.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, JAI HIND AND RIVOLI AND BANDRA-TALKIES (BANDRA):

"CHANDRALEKHA" staring T. R. Rajkumari, M. K. Radha, Ranjan, Sundari Bai, and Yashodhara Katju.

MAJESTIC:

"SAKHARPUDA" starring Sumatee Gupte, Damuanna Malvankar and Baburao Pendharkar.

SUPER:

"USHA-HARAN" starring Ratnamala, Arun, Jeevan, Yashodhra Katju, Indu and Ulhas.

CENTRAL:

"VARASDAR" (Gujerai Comedy) starring Nalini Jaiwant and Harsukh Kikani.

MINERVA:

"HAM BHI INSAN HAIN" starring Ramola, Dev Anand, Pal G. Das, Shashibala and Jerman

IMPERIAL:

"BARI BEHEN" starring Suraiya, Rehman, Ulhas Pran and Geeta Bali.

EXCELSIOR: AND HIND MATA (PAREL):

"MERI BHABHI" starring Ahin Chowdhari, Molina, Jahar Ganguli and Sandhya.

CITY LIGHT (MATUNGA B.B.):

"SATI VIJAY" starring Ratnamala.

KISMAT TALKIES:

"BHOLE BHALE" starring Bhagwan Baburao and Leela Gupta.

BROADWAY (DADAR):

"PUGREE".

ROXY:

"ZIDDI" starring Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand, Veera, Kuldip, Pratimadevi Indu, Pran, Monsin and Nawab.

NEW WEST END:

"APNA DESH" starring Pushpa, Hans, Umesh Sharma, Manmohan, K. Date and Sudha Apte.

LIDO CINEMA:

"GRIHASTI" starring Yakub, Lalita Pawar, Sulochana Chatterjee, Sharda, Kuldip, Masud and Mirza Mushraff.

CHITRA:

"ANJANGARH" starring Sunanda, Ajoykumar, Roma Nehru, Bipin Gupta and Hiralal.

KRISHNA CINEMA PLAZA (DADAR)

"MORUCHI MAVSHI" (Moru's Aunt) starring Vanmala, Durga Khote, Damuanna Malwankar and Acharya Atre.

DAWLAT (BALIWALA THEATRE)

PRAKASH (Kalyan) JAWAHR (Kurla) and THANA TALKIES (THANA):

"SHAHKAR" starring Shobhana Samarth, Cooku, Najma and Shanawaz.

"ANDAZ"

At Liberty

The Simla, landscape—the wooded hills, the distant mountains, the pine-shaded walks, and the curving climbing roads—are seen with clarity and freshness in the opening scenes of "Andaz", and then again the rich backgrounds of cottages and mansion interiors, sunlit verandahs and gardens, halls, staircases and ball-rooms, streets, office, court or jail were never before so convincingly realistic as, in this great picture at Liverty. Seldom too have been the characters so ably photographed and the situations so vividly dramatised by effective use of camera-craft. The man responsible for the outstanding pictorial quality of 'Andaz' is Faredoon A. Irani.

"MEETH-BHAKAR"

At Swastik And Kohinoor

Prabhakar Pictures 'Meeth-Bhakar' directed by Bhalji Pendharkar enters in the fifth week at Swastik and 2nd week at Kohinoor from today. Its story and dialogue are Bhalji's own.

Once again it has been established that even with moderately good photography and audiography a picture can be a success on the strength of its story. Bhalji argues in this picture that life in the villages, in the open fields and pastures is preferable to the congestion and insanitation in the cities.

Chandrakant, Vithal, Sulochana, Anjani, Pawar, Shripati and Baby Saroj have helped Bhalji to translate his objective on the screen by their acting.

NO BOMBING OF AFGHANISTAN

Pakistan Denies "Baseless Press Reports"

KARACHI, April 15 (PTI-Reuter): Enquiries made in official circles here today reveal that reports from the Southern Province of Afghanistan stating that Royal Pakistan Air Force dakotas bombed and strafed Matun in Khost have no foundation, says the Associated Press of Pakistan.

The reports were characterised as entirely 'baseless' and 'mischievous'.

These circles categorically denied that any plane of the Royal Pakistan Air Force had flown over the territory of Southern Afghanistan or its adjoining areas.

Russian Muslims For Pakistan Nationality

KARACHI, April 15 (PTI-Reuter): The Government of Pakistan are considering a request to grant Pakistan nationality to hundreds of Uzbek Tajik & Turkish Muhajirins (Russian Muslims) who have settled in the North West Frontier of Pakistan. It was learnt here today.

It was stated that a large number of these Russian Muslims after the Russian revolution migrated to Afghanistan and then to the North West Frontier Province.

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J. K. Industries Office Searched

Income-tax Investigation Commission Carries Out Operation

KANPUR, April 14.—Officials of the Income-tax Investigation Commission conducted a ten-hour search today of the offices and premises of a Cotton mill belonging to the J. K. Industries Group. They later took away a number of account books and other documents. The income tax officials were assisted by the United Provinces police.

Two members of the Income Tax Investigation Commission, Mr Justice P. B. Chakravarti and Mr V. D. Mazumdar are in Kanpur now.

In a statement to the press on this subject, Sir Padampat Singhania, the Governing Director of the J K. Industries, stated today that the production of no book had ever been refused to the Incometax Department "It was, therefore, somewhat surprising and painful," Sir Padampat said, "That the Investigation Commission should have taken such a step which under the circumstances was uncalled for."—(API)

PATTABHI & FORMATION OF ANDHRA

HUBLI, April 14 (A.P.I.): The General Secretary of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. V. T. Magadi, said in a statement here today that on enquiries he had found no Karnatak leader who had permitted Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya to "go ahead with the formation of Andhra"

The Congress President, at a press conference at Bombay, recently stated that he had the permission of "some of my friends from Maharashtra and Karnatak" in taking up the formation of Andhra first.

"I do not know why Dr. Pattabhi did not give the names of the so-called Karnatak leaders", Mr. Magadi said. "This certainly would have cleared the misunderstanding in Karnatak about their accredited leaders"

NEW DELHI, April 14 (API): All refugee camps in Delhi have been turned into small townships from today. Those living in these camps will hereafter be considered as part of the city population. The commanding staffs in charge of the camps have been disbanded.

PAINTER'S OFFER TO PICTURE THIEF

VIENNA, (PTI-Reuter)—The well-known Vienese painter Oscar Gawell who had picture stolen from its frame at an exhibition of his works, has offered to let the thief keep the picture and to give him another if he cares to call at his studio.

In a letter to the Vienna morning paper "Die Presse" Gawell declared: "I am deeply moved to find in these days of general indifference towards works of art an enthusiast prepared to risk severe punishment to gain possession of a picture which appeals to him and which he cannot obtain by legal means owing to the lack of funds.

"I therefore declare that I present the stolen picture to the perpetrator of the theft as a gift and invite him to visit my studio where I will request him to choose another of my paintings as well. I will naturally respect his anonymity."

However, before the letter was published the unknown thief, overcome by remorse, had mailed the picture to the editorial offices of the Communist evening paper 'Der Abend".

But Gawell told reporters the offer still stood and said he would be delighted to meet the repenting sinner.

Problem Before Woman With A Year To Live

OKLAHOMA CITY, (PTI-Reuter):—A middle-aged widow, who has been told by doctors that she has a year to five, is asking in all sincerity for advice on how best to spend 10,000 dollars (£ 2,500) before death claims her.

Her name has not been disclosed but she is referred to as Mrs. Heart. She is 51 and is suffering from a heart ailment.

Mrs. Heart, through the Daily Oklahoman, has asked the public for advice. The newspaper has investigated her story. It's neither publicity nor sympathy Mrs. Heart is seeking. Just advice on what best to do.

As she puts it: "Every idea that comes to me seems silly or useless. I want a plan, I want a purpose."

DEMAND FOR KARNATAK PROVINCE

Commerce Chamber's Call To Legislators

HUBLI, April 14 (API): A resolution calling upon Karnatak members of the Bombay Legislature and also of the Constituent Assembly to resign, "if the Congress Working Committee fails to recommend the creation of Karnatak Province immediately", was passed by the Managing Committee of the Karnatak Chamber of Commerce. Mr. S. S. Kenavalli presided.

The resolution described the Nehru-Patel-Pattabhi Committee's report as "disappointing", and added that if the formation of Karnatak was being delaped owing to difficulties in including in it, Mysore and part of Hyderabad. The Karnatak area in Bombay Province should immediately be formed into a separate province.

"RELAXATIONS" FOR QUININE IMPORTERS

NEW DELHI, April 15 (API): In view of the improved supply position of quinine, importers hereafter will not be required to sign any undertaking for the clearance of the consignments from the customs. They will also not be required to submit quarterly reports to Government showing how the quinine has been disposed of.

Announcing these relaxations, the Ministry of Health in a press note issued here today says: "Before April 1st, 1948, quinine sulphate quinine bi-sulphate, quinine hydrochloride and quinine bi-hydrochloride imported under licence into India could be cleared from the customs only after the importer had given an undertaking to sell 60 per cent of the consignment to Government at the prescribed rates, and to sell the remaining 40 per cent at the same rates to persons or institutions approved by Government.

"With effect from April 1, 1948, these conditions were relaxed and consignments of these quinine salts imported under licence were allowed to be cleared on the importer giving an undertaking not to sell them at prices above the prescribed rates and to submit quarterly reports to Government showing the disposal of the quinine.

"In view of the further improvement in the supply position, the Government of India have decided to relax this condition also."

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England To Rely Once More On Mottram And Paish

EX-DAVIS CUP PLAYER DR. GREGORY APPOINTED AS NON-PLAYING CAPTAIN

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor).

LONDON, April 15. (PTI-Reuter)—The appointment of Dr. John Colin Gregory as new non-playing Captain of Britain's 1949 Davis Cup team should be an inspiration to the players

Gregory is an old British Davis Cup player having played in matches from 1926 to 1930 and his experience will be invaluable.

He reached the final of the Men's Doubles at Wimbledon with his Davis Cup partner, Ian Collins, 20 years ago. The British pair were beaten by J. Van Ryn and W. Allison, the United States doubles champions, by three sets to two in what is considered the best and most exciting doubles ever seen at Wimbledon.

In that year Gregory, who is now 45 and was born in Yorkshire, was ranked number one

He captained the British team on a world tour in 1928.

His first match in his new position will be Britain's first round the tie against Portugal at Lisbon on May 1, 2 and 3.

British selectors have discarded the idea of trial matches to choose the team for this match and are evidently relying on a few informal practice games to which a number of players will be invited.

Their problem, if any, would be the indifferent form shown in the recent Paddington Tournament in London by N. R. "Tim" Lewis and A. G. "Paddy" Roberts, Britain's two Davis Cup "hopes", who were both eliminated by players they should have beaten.

It seems, therefore, that the selectors will rely on Tony Mottram and Geoff Paish once more.

Howard Walton has a great chance next week in the Cumberland Tournament at Hampstead. Mottram is playing in this event and a fine display against Britain's number one by the unorthodox Midlander would be a good pointer to the selectors.

The English Lawn Tennis Association have decided that in the event of Great Britain beating Portugal and Czechoslovakia beating Monaco in their first round ties, the second round match between Britain and Czechoslovakia will be played on number one court at the All-England Club, Wimbledon on May 14, 16 and 17.

STURGESS RETAINS SINGLES TITLE

Beats Geoff Brown 2-1 In S. A. Tennis Final

JOHANNESBURG, April 15. (PTI-Reuter): Eric Sturgess, of South Africa, retained the Men's Singles title in the South Africa Lawn Tennis Championships here today when he beat Geoff Brown, Captain of the Australian touring party, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 in the final.

DANES FARE BETTER IN SECOND ROUND

Win 3 Out Of 4 Matches In Danish Badminton Championship

COPENHAGEN, April 15. (PTI-Reuter)—Danish Badminton players, overcoming their nervousness when they lost by six matches to one in a friendly encounter against Malaya early this week, won three of the four second round games in the Danish Badminton Tournament played here last night.

The scores were (second round): Mogens Koelle (Denmark) beat Chan Kon Leong (Malaya) 15-9 18-13; Mogens Pelsby (Denmark) beat Yeoh Teck Chye (Malaya) 15-4, 15-6; Knud Christensen (Denmark) beat Kim Kee Fong (Malaya) 15-3, 15-4. Yeoh and Lim had received byes into the second round.

In the remaining second round game Ong Teck Hock (Malaya) beat Poul Nielsen (Denmark) by 6-15, 17-15, 15-0. This match proved to be one of the high spots of the night. The Dane pressed the Malayan up to 12 all and 14 all in the second game but being completely exhausted by hard play lost the third game to the Malayan.

Other scores were: (First Round) Ong Poh Lim (Malaya) beat Persophus Nielsen (Norway) 15-5, 15-0; Chan Kon Leong (Malaya) beat Inge Blomberg (Sweden) 11-15, 15-12, 15-6; Erik Friis (Denmark) who should have played Ong was prevented from appearing owing to an injured foot, and the Malayan played Nielsen, whose opponent also failed to appear. Wong Peng Soon beat N. Anderson (Denmark) 15-3, 15-2; Law Teik Hock beat J. Hammergaard (Denmark) 15-0 15-0; Teoh Seng Khoon (Malaya) beat B. Frederiksen (Denmark) 15-9, 15-6.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Bombay Gymkhana Ground

4-20 p.m. Tata's vs. Hindustan Aircraft, Bangalore; 5-30 p.m. Lusitanians vs. Goan Sports (Aga Khan Hockey Tournament)

SELECTIONS FOR GYMKHANA RACE MEETING

The following are my selections for the Bombay Gymkhana race meeting to be held at Mahalukmi to-morrow:—

1st race:—
ARDSOLLUS ..... Win
AFRICA STAR ..... Next best
2nd race:—
MOHAN ..... Win
THE PIE ..... Next best
3rd race:—
BLUE DANUBE ..... Win
VIDYA ..... Next best
4th race:—
JOE LOUIS ..... Win
KANTAKA ..... Next best
5th race:—
LEMON ..... Win
NESSUS ..... Next best
6th race:—
PEPPERMINT ..... Win
WHISPERING ..... Next best
7th race:—
MANDARIN ..... Win
CARREMAR ..... Next best
8th race:—
EAST STREAM ..... Win
MOHAN ..... Next best
If absent BUSTER.
9th race:—
BLUE DIAMOND ..... Win
GRACE ..... Next best
If absent THE PIE.

Reign Of British Boxing Board May Come To An End

LONDON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): The 20-year reign of the British Boxing Board of Control may come to an end shortly unless it acts its way in insisting that all area council must be administered by non-financially interested members.

Mr. J. Low Pane, Chairman of the Board, said today that the Board's stewards felt that it would be impossible for them to continue in office if the area council where to be controlled by men whose livelihood depended on boxing.

At the recent annual general meeting delegates voted by a narrow majority to exclude all non-financially interested members from these councils.

The Board's reply has been to use its power to conduct a postal poll vote on an amendment among the fully licensed membership of nearly 6,000.

The poll is to be concluded immediately. The amendments states: "the stewards maintaining that in the best interests of British boxing and all licence holders, councils should be composed of non-financially interested persons who shall be nominated and elected by all licenced members in their area".

If the licenced members confirm their desire to be controlled by financially interested persons then the stewards of the Board would probably resign and the functions of the present Board would cease.

Poona League Football

BOMBAY, Friday.

Poona District Football League organised by the Poona District Football Association will commence from the 1st May 1949. Entries close on the 20th April 1949.

Full particulars can be had from Mr. T. B. Albuquerque, Jt. Hon. Secretary P.D.F.A., c o St. Xavier's Marathi School, behind "Nishat" Talkies, Pudumji Park, Poona 2.

BEIGHTON CUP HOCKEY

Bhowanipore And B. E. College Win On Opening Day

CALCUTTA, April 15. (A.P.I.): The Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament, the "Blue Ribond" of Indian Hockey, opened today with two matches in the first round.

Bhowanipore beat the Parsees, their colleagues in the first division of the Calcutta League, by virtue of an extra time goal. In the other match B. E. College accounted for Rajasthan, the local second division league champions, by one goal to nil.

Results:—

Bhowanipore beat Parsees 1/0.

B. E. College beat Rajasthan 1/0.

This year's Tournament has attracted a number of well-known hockey teams. Eight teams, including Kirkee United of Poona, St. Xivier's, Bombay, Tata Sports, Bombay, the U. P. Selected XI (last year's joint holders of the Cup) and the Sikh Regiment from Ambala have ceded into the third round of the draw.

The Calcutta Port Commissioners, the local league champions, and Mohan Bagan, the runners-up, with Punjab Sports, will represent Bengal's hopes for the title. Mohan Bagan and the Punjab Sports figure in the top half of the draw with the Port Commissioners in the bottom half of the first round.

The other visiting sides who figure in the initial round are Port Blair XI from the Andamans, B. N. Railway from Kharagpur, E. I. Railway from Jamalpur and the Mahakoshal Club from Jubbulpore. The Jhansi Heroes and the Bareilly District XI have been seeded into the second round bottom half.

ALL-INDIA ROWING REGATTA

First Post-War Event Commences In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, April 15. (A.P.I.): The first post-war All-India Rowing Regatta commenced here yesterday at Dhakuria Lakes (South Calcutta) with a card of six events in which fours, pairs and scullers competed. Following the heavy downpour earlier in the day, conditions on the lakes were ideal for racing and a large gathering of spectators was present.

The first heat in the Willingdon Trophy between the Calcutta Rowing Club and Lake Club Fours proved the best in a day full of good hard rowing and close finishes. The C. R. C. won the race by 1-1/4 lengths in the very fast time of three minutes 13-1/2 seconds, a second outside the course record.

In the first heat of the Macklin Sculls, Singh (C.U.R.C.) beat Goswami (Lake Club) by 3/4 of a length, time three minutes fifty seconds. The second heat was won by Gates of C.R.C. who beat A. G. Neff (Madras) by 1-3/4 lengths. Time three minutes 47 seconds.

Madras, stroked by Gladstone, faced Karachi in the first heat in the Venables Bowl for pairs and won the race comfortably in three minutes thirty-six seconds. While Madras, striking very high, drew rapidly away, Karachi, being unfamiliar with the rather tricky C.R.C. course, pulled over to the Tolly Bank and eventually went entirely off their finishing line, beyond the bridge in Lake Club water.

In the second heat of the Willingdon Trophy, the C.U.R.C. Four received a row-over from the Bengal R.C. who had to scratch.

Lake Club won the second heat of the Venables Bowl against Karachi "B" in three minutes 36-1/2 seconds. Karachi "B" were unfamiliar with the course. Lake went ahead early and Karachi, after first coming over into their opponents' water, swerved across to the Tolly Bank. In an effort to come back into their water they steered a course which forced them to pull-up short of Mosque Island.

Programme For 1952 Games At Helsinki To Be Reduced

"MINOR AND OPTIONAL EVENTS HAVE GOT OUT OF HAND," SAYS BRUNDAGE

NEW YORK, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—Avery Brundage, President of the American Olympic Committee, sailed today for Rome where the International Olympic Committee will try to reduce the programme for the 1952 games at Helsinki.

Brundage is convinced that a deep cut must be made in the minor, or optional events, on the Olympic card.

"They have got completely out of hand," he said today before sailing.

"It has reached the point where it is nearly impossible to run the games off within the allotted two weeks" Brundage is Chairman of a Committee which will recommend drastic reductions in such sports as women's track and field, rowing, walking, gymnastic and basketball. He fully realises that spokesman for the affected sports are going to Rome with "blood in their eyes."

DIFFICULTY

"The trouble is", said Brundage that each sport thinks it is the most important one on the programme. Once they get on it is difficult to get them off. The only one I can think of, offhand that dropped out was tennis."

If his recommendations are accepted, Women's track and field at Helsinki will be reduced to little more than the 100 metres sprint the 80 metres hurdles and the high and broad jump. Rowing will be limited, perhaps, to eight oared crews and scullers, with the two and four oared crews and the canoe events left out. Some of the more obscure events will be banished entirely.

BASKETBALL

Brundage admitted that basketball is a problem. "We cannot hope to cut it out entirely, but I am going to suggest that they hold eliminators in various sectors and perhaps wind up with the dozen teams in the Olympic tournament. We cannot continue to handle 50 to 60 teams. I do not believe the Finns even play basketball." The Finns could as the host nation, specify what events shall be held in 1952. But rather than do that, I think they will accept the recommendations of the International Committee.

"The Finns are like that. Their housing resources are limited, but I honestly believe that they would move out of Helsinki in a body and live in the woods before they would let an olympic visitor go without a place to sleep."

NEXT VENUE

Brundage feels confident that Detroit will be chosen as the site of the 1956 games, but expects the Rome meeting to develop some strong support for Melbourne which is making a spirited bid. "I don't think Buenos Aires has much chance", he said. "They are holding the Pan-American Games down there in 1951 and I expect they will have their hands full with that."

Brundage expressed keen interest in the starting gate which was introduced with success here the past winter and predicted that in time its use will be universal. He doubts that it will see service in the Helsinki Games.

"A thing like that takes time", he observed. "It has to be used and accepted in all the countries before it can be adopted for the games We had been using starting blocks for years before we convinced the Olympic Committee that they were here to stay.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, April 15, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather summary for Friday the 15th April, 1949:—

Thundershowers have been widespread in Assam, sub-Himalayan west Bengal and local in Gangetic west Bengal, Chota Nagpur, Malabar and Mysore. There have also been a few thundershowers in Orissa, the West United Provinces Hills, Bihar and South-East Madras.

Night temperatures continued below normal over Rajputana, Madhya Bharat, the west Central Provinces and Berar.

FORECAST UNTIL SIXTEENTH EVENING:—Thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Assam and local in West Bengal, Chota Nagpur and Malabar. A few thundershowers are also likely in Orissa, Mysore, south-east Madras and the north Madras coast

WEATHER CHART

POONA, April 15, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st April 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours (I. S. T.), on 15th April, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 105 73 0 0 0, Ahmednagar 100 72 0 0 minus 0.2, Allahabad 102 68 0 0 minus 0.1, Bangalore 91 69 T 1.6 plus 1.0, Baroda 105 66 0 0 0, Belgaum 95 — — — —, Banaras 101 67 0 0 0 minus 0.1, Bhopal 100 68 0 0 minus 0.1, Bhuj 103 72 0 0 minus 0.1, BOMBAY 90 76 0 0 0, Calcutta 90 72 1.1 2.3 plus 1.7 Delhi 95 68 0 0 minus 0.1, Hyderabad (Dn.) 101 77 0 0.3 minus 0.4, Indore 100 61 0 0 0, Jaipur 89 64 0 0 minus 0.1, Kolhapur 101 67 0 0.5 —, Madras 94 80 0 6.9 plus 0.7, Mahabaleshwar 86 66 0 0 minus 0.4, Mangalore 89 82 0 0 minus 0.5, Mysore 93 70 0.1 1.4 plus 9.8, Nagpur 105 71 0 0.1 minus 0.3, Poona 101 68 0 0 minus 0.3, Raichur 104 80 0 0.2 minus 0.1, Rajkot 104 79 0 0 0, Sholapur 105 74 0 0 minus 0.1, Simla 65 50 0 1.6 plus 0.7, Surat 99 73 0 0 0.

EXEMPTIONS UNDER SHOPS ACT

The Government of Bombay has granted the following exemptions under the provisions of Section 4 of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act, 1948.

(1) The employers of commercial establishments (including the legal and income-tax practitioners) are exempted from the provisions of Section 18 (1) so far as it concerns their own attendance. Similarly, persons occupying positions of management or employees engaged in confidential capacity in commercial establishments are also exempted from Section 18. This, in effect, means that an employer of a commercial establishment (including the legal or income-tax practitioner) can now go to his establishment for any business connected with it on the day on which his establishment remains "closed" under the provisions of Section 18 (1) and call his manager or other persons engaged in confidential capacity for work on that day, the number of such persons being subject to the limit allowed in the proviso to entry 126 of the Schedule II to the Act;

(2) The Legal and Income-tax practitioners are exempted from the provisions of Section 13 (opening and closing hours) also so far as concerns their own attendance;

(3) Establishments for the purpose of attending upon the sick, infirm, destitute or mentally unfit are exempted from the provisions of Sections 10, 11, 13 to 18 and 33.

Restrictions regarding the opening and closing hours, daily and weekly hours, interval for rest, "Exemptions Under Shops And Establishments Act . . . page 2" spread over and weekly holiday will not now apply to establishments like hospitals, dispensaries, etc. Women employed in these establishments, (nurses, etc.), are now allowed to work after 7 p.m.;

(4) Establishments dealing wholly in fruits, flowers, vegetables, eggs and fish are exempted from the provisions of Section 18. These establishments are not now required to be closed on one day of the week;

(5) Establishments maintained in connection with petrol service stations and petrol pumps are exempted from all the provisions of the Act;

(6) Female attendants for women's cloak-rooms or lavatories at theatres or other places of public amusement or entertainment or at residential hotels or restaurants are now allowed to work after 7 p.m.

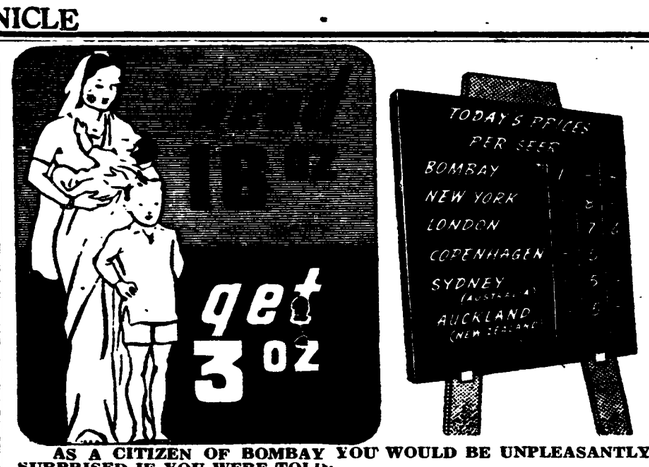
(7) Female house keepers employed in residential hotels and female artists in cabaret or entertainment shows are now allowed to work after 7 p.m.

(8) Shops dealing wholly in newspapers are now allowed to be opened at 5 a.m.

Prayers For Weal Of Lost Officers And Men

Mr. B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner, Chief Fire Officer Pradhan, Deputy Chief Officer Vengsurkar, Captain Mahmood Shah of the Fire Brigade and many other officers and men of the fire-fighting services, were present at the Byculla Fire Brigade Offices this morning, when a Shastri, recited prayers for the weal of the 66 officers and men of the Fire Brigade who lost their lives in the great explosion of 1944.

The ceremony was observed with appropriate solemnity



AS A CITIZEN OF BOMBAY YOU WOULD BE UNPLEASANTLY SURPRISED IF YOU WERE TOLD:

That in producing and supplying milk for the City, about 50,000 calves from some of the best cattle in the country are starved to death each year because there is no place to rear them in the congested and insanitary stables.

That approximately an equal number of high grade milch cattle are rendered partially or fully unfit for further use due to artificial conditions under which they are kept.

That approximately 1,00,000 tons of valuable cattle-yard manure is wasted as cultivable land is not attached to the stables

That cattle worth over Rs. 25 lakhs die annually through causes which to a great extent are preventable.

That a large quantity of water, which may not always be clean, is added to the milk before it reaches the consumers.

That over 1,000 train loads of grass, cattle-feeds and cattle themselves have to be brought annually into Bombay because no fodder is grown or no cattle are bred in Bombay area.

That cattle worth about Rs. 3 crores have to be imported each year from other areas as there are no facilities for rearing them in the stables and

That the price of milk in Bombay is the highest obtainable anywhere.

C.P. Bullion Merchants Oppose Imposition Of Sales Tax

NAGPUR, April 15 (A.P.I.): A deputation of the Central Provinces and Berar Bullion Merchants Association today met Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, Secretary of the Indian National Congress at Nagpur aerodrome while on his way to Delhi.

They handed to him a memorandum embodying their objections to the imposition of a sales-tax of three pies in a rupee on the sale of bullion imposed by the C. P. Government.

Bullion markets in Nagpur and other centres in the Province are closed since April 11 as a protest against the sales tax.

A conference of bullion merchants in the Province will meet here tomorrow to consider the situation.

Midnight Robbery And Murder Near Hooghly

CHINSURAH, April 15 (U.P.I.): The Grand Trunk Road at Panduah, Hooghly, was the scene of a midnight robbery murder yesterday.

It is stated that some coolies and two merchants were going in a lorry, when the coolies attacked the merchants with knives.

The miscreants took away a wristwatch and cash and threw the injured merchants down the road and drove away in full speed. A Red Cross Doctor who happened to pass by the road noticed the unconscious men and gave first aid. One of them succumbed to injuries and other was removed to Chinsurah hospital.

The police investigation continues.

Radio

BOMBAY, Saturday, April 16.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. F. C. Panwar 7-45 Sheshgiri Hangal 8-00 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Indukumar Parekh 8-45 News (G).
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 12-50 Rajendra Sharma 1-00 News (G) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 You Asked for It
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31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
5-00 to 7.45 p.m.
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8-00 to 11-0 p.m.
5-00 p.m. Rajendra Sharma 5-15 Mangala Ranade 6-00 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 S. B. Deshpande 6-45 Sheshgiri Hangal 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Rajendra Sharma 7-30 Sheshgiri Hangal 7-45 Film Music 8-00 Indukumar Parekh 8-15 News (G) 9-00 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. Relay.

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AHMEDABAD RADIO

NEW DELHI, April 15 (UPI)—The Ahmedabad station of All India Radio will go on the Air at 5-30 p.m. tomorrow with inaugural messages from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister and Shri B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay.

Members of the Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad will participate in a special Bhajan programme on the opening day; other outstanding items include a musical recital by the well-known artist Ustad Faiyaz Khan and a kavi sammelan.

Citizens' Meeting To Mourn Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's Death

In accordance with a requisition signed by hundreds of Bombay's citizens and submitted to the Sheriff through the Mayor's Committee appointed for the purpose, the Sheriff has arranged a public meeting to be held at Sunderbai Hall on Wednesday (20th April) at 6 p.m. His Excellency, the Governor of Bombay, will preside. Among the speakers on the various resolutions will be His Worship, the Mayor, Mr. S. K. Patil, Sir H. P. Mody, Governor-designate of U.P., the Hon. Mr. M. C. Chagla, Chief Justice, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Lady Rama Rau, Mr. Bhavanji Khimji, Mr. G. L. Mehta, Mr. M. A. Master, Sir Fazal Rahimtoola, Sir Rustom Masani and others.

PEACE RALLY AT CHOWPATY: Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress and other progressive organisations a public meeting will be held at Chowpaty today (Saturday) at 6 p.m to demonstrate the support of the common people to the World Congress of Partisans for Peace to be held at Paris from 20th inst. Mr. M. S. Baxi, Vice-President of the B.P.T.U.C. will preside. A working-class procession for the same purpose will start from Lalbag Maidan at 3-30 p.m. and will reach Chowpaty at 6 p.m. to join the meeting.

NON-FERROUS METAL WARE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION: Mr. Himchand K. Shah has been unanimously re-elected president with the following firms as the Managing Committee: The Aluminium Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Calcutta; R. B. Anant Shiwaji Desai Topiwalla, Bombay; Messrs Balli Singn Bhagwan Singh, Amritsar; Messrs. Devidayal & Sons, Bombay; Messrs. Jeewanlal Ltd. Calcutta; Kamani Engineering Corporation Ltd. Bombay. Messrs. Lallubhai Amichand, Bombay, The Oriental Metal Pressing Works, Bombay the Wolverhampton Works, Co. Ltd. Bombay.

BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION: Mr. Shendurnikar, Shanti Niketan, 215 Marine Drive and five others have mooted a proposal to start a Benares Hindu University Association open to all past and present students in Bombay. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan is being approached to inaugurate the Association when he comes to the city during the third week of this month.

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

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To-day's Engagements

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Dr. (Mrs.) Iravati Karve, will read a paper on "Anthropology of the Maratha Country" today (Saturday), in the Durbar Hall, Town Hall, at 6 p.m. (S.T.) The meeting is open to the public.

PUBLIC MEETING AT NAGPADA: Hon'ble Dr. M.D.D. Gilder will address a public meeting at the B.I.T. Chawls, Nagpada, today, (Saturday), at 9 p.m.

MEETING AT PAREL VILLAGE: The Hon'ble Mr. M.R. Desia, Minister for Home and Revenue will address a meeting today (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. at Parel Village, under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF INDIA: The 4th annual Convention of the Graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be held today (Saturday) at 5 p.m. at the Taj Mahal Hotel. Sheth Lalchand Hirachand of M|s. Premier Automobiles will preside.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHARITY:: The Girgaum District of the Girl Guides Association, Bombay Division, have organised a variety entertainment to take place at the St. Xavier's College Hall today (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. in aid of the Society for the Rehabilitation of Disabled and Crippled Children and Relief for the Blind. The programme includes Indian folk dances, songs with a cast of more than 50 girls and the "Wedding Scene" from the dramatised version of Longfellow's "Hiawatha".

G. I. P. RAILWAYMEN'S UNION: Mr. Khairuddin Md. Kassam, Vice-President of the G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union reports that a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union will be held on 16th and 17th April in the Head Office of the Union at Neptune Building, 1st Floor, Hornby Road, Bombay. The meeting will start today (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

MAHILA PARISHAD, Andheri Branch; in aid of Balmandir and sewing class conducted by the branch, Prithviraj Kapoor and his party will stage "Gadhar" at 10 a.m at Royal Opera House.

WALKESHWAR MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS, Seth Dwarkadas Tribhuvandas, Prize Fund, 22 prize distribution function at Gilder Tank Maidan, 4-30 p.m. Mr. C. C. Shah will preside.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION: Provincial Scouters' Conference at Hansraj Morarji Public School, Navgujerat, Andheri. 5 p.m. Mr. V. L. Mehta will inaugurate.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Unveiling portrait of Dr. Clifford Manshardt by Mr. V. L. Mehta, at Institute premises, 105-109, Ghodbunder Road, Andheri. 6 p.m.

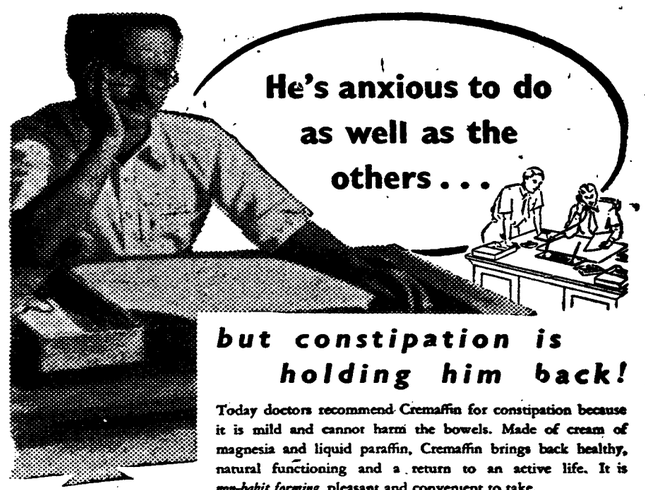
CUTCHI VISHA OSWAL DEHERWASI JAIN PATHSHALA: Elocution Competition at 3 p.m.

AMAR HIND MANDAL, Dadar. Start of Spring lecture series. Place Antonio DeSilva High School. Time 9 p.m. everday. Inaugural address today by S. G. Bhagwat.

SOCIALIST PARTY: Election campaign meeting, Gandhi Chowk, Morbaug Road, Naigam. 8-30 p.m. Ganesh Maidan, Lalbaug, 6 p.m. Post Galli Clerk Road, Byculla 9 p.m.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadeshak Swami Sri Nitaidas Bhaktishastri Ragalankarji will speak on "True Repentance of a Truth-seeker" in English at Sri Gaudiya Math, Gowalia Tank Road, tomorrow (Sunday), at 5-30 p.m.

YOUTHS ART & CULTURE CIRCLE: A Charity show of "Bombay Talkies" 'Achut Kanya' at 9 a.m. tomorrow (Sunday) at Central Cinema. Also documentary film of Shaikh Abdulla's messages "Storm over Kashmir."



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There is no severity that may not be a mask for fear.

—HERMANN BROCH

VINDHYA PRADESH

In a significant but little noted farewell message relinquishing Jaipur dewanship, Mr. V. T. Krishnamachari called on the Jaipur people to turn to the larger loyalty of the Rajasthan Union and to cease being distracted by their love for Jaipur. It was a wise lead and one which has a much larger application. There is some point in having Unions of States. It is possible though difficult to have something to say in defence of separate States. But there is nothing to be urged in favour of Unions which are incomplete mergers. That way lies chaos and unsettled conditions and a long period of diverted interests. Another warning has now come from Vindhya Pradesh where the failure of the popular ministry in the most appalling circumstances has led to the collapse of the Union. Once a States Union is formed, it cannot be broken up back into its component parts. Vindhya Pradesh is not of particularly long-standing. But the internal differences which marred the work of the Ministry, have brought it crashing to the ground. And it is significant that the next step is not disintegration but a redistribution of the States of the Union in order to assimilate them in the Provinces of the Union. This is a logical step and it will be of great meaning to Madhyabharat where squabbles of a different type are threatening to undo the work of the States Ministry.

From another point of view, the collapse of the popular ministry in Vindhya Pradesh necessitating the assumption of power by the Centre is a commentary on the dangers of expecting democratic ability and political sense in men who have just emerged out of autocratic rule. In commenting on Hyderabad, the States Ministry has regretted the fact that the Military Administration has had no assistance in establishing or maintaining Law and Order from popular representatives and parties. The example of Hyderabad is illustrative of general conditions in most States and it is placing too heavy a burden on unproved men to ask them to form ministries and run the administration. It is not a matter which can be experimented with since so many of the public are vitally affected. And it would be well if we proceeded cautiously in the matter. After all, there is a vast difference between conditions in the Indian Union and conditions in the States and nothing can be gained by overlooking it. Vindhya Pradesh has proved a timely reminder of the work that still remains to be done before integration is made strong and firm by democratisation. And for a time the democratisation will have to be interpreted in the context of India as a whole rather than in a narrowly local sense.

Congress And Maharashtra

The conference of Congress workers of Maharashtra now in session at Mahableshwar is to discuss issues that may affect the entire Congress Party in Bombay. Its importance may be gauged from the fact that it is to last for nearly a week. The primary issue to be considered at the conference is the report of the three-man committee on linguistic provinces. That the report has bitterly disappointed many in Maharashtra was only to be expected. It was natural enough for the Marathi-speaking people with great common traditions to long for an autonomous province of their own. The movement for United Maharashtra began about fifteen years ago and gained much popularity when Congress formally accepted the principle of reconstituting provinces on a linguistic basis. A number of non-Congress workers strongly supported the movement just because it was popular and gave them a chance of acquiring influence. The Dar Committee's report disappointed most Maharashtrians and they have been further embittered by the Congress Committee's report which, while postponing the formation of a Maharashtra province, has decided that Bombay City is not to be a part of it whenever the province comes to be formed.

This is the feeling of Maharashtrians in general But the position of Congressmen in Maharashtra has become particularly difficult. They have ardently supported a Maharashtra province because the Congress had long accepted the principle of linguistic provinces and they were led by no less a person than Mr. Shankarrao Deo, Congress Secretary. Many of them now find themselves in a fix. They are doubting whether they should in consistency continue to support the demand for the early formation of a separate province including Bombay City or should loyally accept the decision of the Congress High Command. The conference at Mahableshwar is expected, among other things, to resolve these doubts, presumably by devising some via media. Meanwhile, non-Congress parties, including the newly formed Workers and Peasant's Party under Messrs. Jedhe and More, who recently broke away from the Congress are mustering all their forces against Congress and using the Maharashtra province issue as a handy weapon against it. They particularly rely on the assurance in the Pattabhi report which says: "Notwithstanding what we have said, if public sentiment is insistent and overwhelming, the practicability of satisfying public demand with its implications and consequences must be examined". Many non-Congressmen and some Congressmen seem determined to show by all possible means that the public demand in Maharashtra for a separate province is "insistent and overwhelming". They also find in this a good election stunt and seem determined to resort, if necessary, to coercive methods in pressing their demand. Some of them have been indulging in wild threats as to what they would do if Bombay City was taken away from Maharashtra. All this creates a situation which the Congress Party cannot possibly ignore. The conference at Mahableshwar will have a pretty hard task in dealing with it.

The conference is also expected to strengthen the Congress organisation in Maharashtra so as to serve the masses more effectively. This requires some preliminary work in counteracting the anti-Congress propaganda carried on by a number of non-Congress interests. The conference has accordingly decided to set up a body of its own to explain to the masses the policy of the Congress and the Congress Government. Such machinery is necessary for the whole province. The conference has also decided to strengthen all Congress Committees by enrolling more members in each and engaging them in many-sided constructive work among the masses. Such work is being done on a wider scale in Gujerat, with the result that the Congress organisation there is popular and a powerful support to the Congress Government. Congress Committees in Maharashtra and Karnatak can be as useful to the masses and the Government if they are enabled to give more attention to constructive work for and among the masses. The Sarvodaya plan is excellent for this purpose. It can be more beneficent still if every district is covered with at least two centres in it. A centre need not necessarily be larger than a group of about a dozen villages. In most places Congressmen are now relying too much on the past achievements of the Congress and on the influence of its top leaders. They need to be more self-reliant and more active in the service of the masses.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

The Premier (of the N.W.F.P.), appealing to his people not to misjudge the fellow-feelings of their Afghan brethren said, "they had nothing to do with the poisonous propaganda of their rulers. There is nothing to hold back the peoples of Pakistan and Afghanistan from embracing each other and thus creating one powerful Muslim State as they should do, between India and Russia".

—Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan's latest.

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A Cabinet Minister's room in the Secretariat was the scene of an attempted burglary last night—New Delhi news.

What fools, these burglars were. Now, if we were in their place—but sh—sh—we might be heard.

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Addressing a children's gathering in New Delhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said, "You must try to learn new things whether you are at play or in the class-room".

Wrong advice, they are already learning too many things. One result, for instance, is that parents are sympathetically criticised as more or less bourgeois reactionaries.

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WILL INDIA RECOGNISE KING?

—Headline.

Why not? Why shouldn't a friendly India recognise Great Britain's King?

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The U.P.I. reports from London that, according to certain political circles, Soviet agents are filtering into Afghanistan.

On the other hand, the Russian press has, during the past few months, been reporting American penetration and a serious Anglo-American rivalry to control Afghan economy and politics.

Which all adds up to the imminence of a most grave triangular threat to the safety and security of Afghanistan. In the circumstances we feel the time has come for a representative Afghan deputation, headed at least by the Afghan Prime Minister, to approach Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan, the N.-W.F.P. Premier, with a humble and urgent appeal that the latter should march into Kabul and solve the Afghan problem by his own characteristic and only effective method.

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LONDON: (U.P.A.):—The former Chinese Ambassador in Moscow Fu Ping-Chang, reported today that Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vishinsky, is paying increased attention to the Far East.

How awful!

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The Peiping Communist radio describing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek as an arch-perpetrator of bloodshed, has warned Kuomintang officials to break away, from the "bloody Nanking Government and unreservedly surrender to the people ....".

The relative emphasis is, of course, on the brasstack—i.e., unreserved surrender.

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The British Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told Parliament today that the British Government had some doubt about how far a full scheme of internationalisation of Jerusalem could be worked.

Give it to Israel and anticipate U.S. —approved inevitability.

THE S. S. C. EXAMINATION

By M. T. Vyas

Difficulties, inconveniences and suggestions with regard to the S.S.C. Examination, have been sent to me, as the President of the Federation of the Headmasters' Association, by Headmasters and the Headmasters' Associations of the province. I am presenting these here so that the needful might be done in the matter.

Before the examination commenced, the students experienced various difficulties. There was first of all confusion in the matter of exemptions claimed by the students and considerable delay and carelessness even in rectifying the mistakes in the point.

The numbers of candidates were announced very late—hardly two or three days before the Examination commenced. Even after the numbers were announced, it was found that there was confusion even there, for some students were given two numbers and others were given none.

LEAKAGE OF QUESTIONS

When the examination began, it was found that, at some centres, there was a leakage of some of the question papers. But what was much worse and difficult to understand was that students had to wait in the hall for about two hours as there was a shortage of question-papers. The students who appeared at the Belgaum Centre did not get their French papers at all.

Even when the papers were received, some of them were so badly cyclostyled that it was very difficult for students to make out the questions. Not only that, but the question papers that were printed, were so carelessly gone through that they were full of mistakes...To give one example, there are as many as 30 mistakes in the Gujrati paper.

ORDEAL OF WAITING

While the papers were being cyclostyled, the students had to wait, so that they had to sit there for five hours instead of three. At some centres, some of the rooms were so badly lighted even during the day that students had to write in comparative darkness towards the evening. Especially in Mathematics, the students found it very difficult to take the measurements with accuracy.

To add to all this, there was even a shortage of supplementary answer papers and graph papers and the students were kept waiting for these. This may seem insignificant and trivial to us, but to the students it mattered a lot and put them to a lot of inconvenience.

CONFUSION WITH EXAMINERS

All this, however, had already happened during the Examination. But carelessness and mismanagement is there in the next stage—i.e. correction and marking of the answer papers.

It seems that some examiners have been sent papers, without any previous confirmation of their appointment as examiners. Examiners who are confirmed, have not received all their answer papers. Mark-sheets have not been sent to some examiners who are sent answer papers for correction. Besides, we understand that some moderators have not been able to contact their examiners and there are examiners who have not been able to contact moderators. Not only this but the necessary number of examiners are not yet appointed.

If these points are not looked into carefully, as soon as possible, it will be very difficult to correct the papers and prepare the results by the date decided, which is May 31.

The candidates who appeared this year, have had some bitter experiences and have been victims of carelessness and mismanagement. It is upto the authorities concerned to avoid further harm to these students on the threshold of Life by deciding that, in view of the great difficulties, emotional and mental strain, under which the students answered the papers, the correction of the same should be considerate and, if necessary, even lenient...With regard to the students who did not receive any question papers, it is but fair that they should be declared successful.

These steps have to be taken if some justice is to be done to the candidates who appeared this year.

THE REMEDY

As to the future, it is obvious that the examination of about fifty thousand candidates, is bound to be unwieldy for any one organisation. It is suggested, therefore, that the Government might divide the province into certain regions and set up regional boards to conduct these examinations. Or now that we are having various separate Universities, the examination may be split up and managed by the different Universities, as their Entrance Examinations.

To do justice to the examination and to the students and to avoid repetition of similar irregularities and mishaps, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY COMMITTEE, TO GO INTO THE ENTIRE MATTER AND MAKE CONSIDERED SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

City Corporation: Week By Week

By "Citizen"

The problem of primary education received more than usual attention from the City Corporation this week. The reason for this was the consideration of the Paulekar report. A Committee of eight Councillors was appointed to report back to the Corporation on the steps it should take in that connection.

The Socialists moved an amendment which asked, that, since the implementation of the valuable suggestions greatly depended on adequate finances, and since it was said in the report itself that the Government and the Corporation should come to an understanding by which both may contribute their due shares towards the cause of primary education, the Corporation should appeal to the Government to convene a conference between them and the Corporation for a thorough discussion of the financial implications of the report.

The amendment went further and made specific demands to the effect that the Government should share half the cost of primary education in the city, and that expenses on medical inspection and supply of milk to children should also be shared by the Government. It also wanted Government aid for school buildings.

BOMBAY'S CLAIM

The mover and supporters of the amendment complained that the Government was not playing fair to the first city in the country which had undertaken the great experiment of making primary education free as well as compulsory. Other towns like Ahmedabad which had not introduced compulsion in the field of education yet, were getting more liberal aid from the Government. It was also pointed out that, unless the Government came to the aid of the Corporation in respect of important items which would require large sums for expenditure, it may not be possible for the Corporation to carry the burden however great may be its desire to do a good job of it.

Since the matter was going to a Committee, the Congress Party did not accept the amendment and the original proposition was carried. It is however, expected that the Committee which, I understand, will begin its work in the coming week, will have to bear the financial aspect in mind. I also learn that, unlike other municipal committees, which after being appointed by the House do not prove to be very active, this Committee is likely to finish its work soon and a special effort is to be made to finalise the suggestions of the Corporation in this respect.

CHEAPER EDUCATION

Another occasion to discuss the question of primary education was a motion to the effect that the present practice of charging eight annas to students of non-scheduled castes pupils and giving free studentships to scheduled castes pupils in the upper primary classes should be continued without any change. It may be mentioned that the Schools Committee has recently decided to enhance these fees and to charge every pupil Rs. 1/8 per month as fees in the upper primary classes of their schools. The Socialists wanted to go a step further than the original proposition and pleaded for abolition of fees in municipal schools. Their contention was that even what was called as Upper Primary section of the municipal schools was imparting primary education and as such the Corporation was obliged under the law to provide it free to the citizens. The mover of the amendment went to the extent of saying that by charging fees the Schools Committee was violating the law. The amendment was voted down by the majority who, however, agreed to the original proposition being sent to the Schools Committee for consideration. This will at any rate give the protagonists of free primary education, not merely for four but for a full period of seven years, another chance to plead for their point of view before that Committee and later perhaps before the Corporation. It remains to be seen if the majority party will agree to abolition of these fees or at least not to raise them by 300 per cent.

NEW MAYOR-BETTER ATTENDANCE

The House is settling down to business with the new Mayor who seems to desire that there should be greater despatch and at any rate there should be no arrears of work. How far this will succeed, it is yet too early to say. I find a sudden improvement in attendance with the beginning of the second year of the life of the House. Apart from the very big attendance on the day of Mayoral election there was a general rise in attendance for the last two or three meetings and as many as 90 members have been found in the House at a time. It remains to be seen if this level will be maintained or like the last year once again there will be a fall in the number of city fathers frequenting the Corporation Hall on Mondays and Thursdays.

ADVANTAGE OF BEING THIN

The House once again got stuck up as soon as the minutes of the B.E.S.T. Committee came up for discussion. The demand for more copies and fuller details was once again repeated and the heavy cost incurred for the purchase and transport of second-hand American tram-cars was referred to. Incidentally, the first instalment of these tram cars has already arrived but it will take some time before they are put on the rails. The 54 seaters are going to be changed into 100 seaters. Evidently the Committee thinks that space sufficient enough to accommodate 54 robust and well fed Americans will accommodate almost twice that number of thin and emaciated Indians. Our standards do differ.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

The desire to call special requisition meetings of the Corporation seems to be once again uppermost in the minds of our city fathers. Last year there were as many as fifteen such meetings. This time the first fortnight is having three such meetings. The first one called by the Opposition to protest against the heavy rise in the passenger fares on the coastal line proved superfluous as before the date fixed for this meeting the House considered another resolution in which it lodged its protest and asked the Government to restore the rates as they were on March, 31 1949, and in case the shipping companies did not agree to do so the Corporation has asked the Government to nationalise coastal shipping. There are two more special meetings fixed for the next week. One of them is being called at the instance of the Congress

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Examination Vitiated?

Sir,—The setting of the original question papers at the recently held Secondary School Certificate Examination at some centres and of different papers at other centres where the original papers were found to have leaked out, destroyed the uniformity of test which is universally recognised as the indispensable requirement of a public examination designed to qualify the candidates successfully passing it for admission to the University and to public employment. Since the Examination failed to satisfy this necessary condition the question arises whether the examination can be held to be a valid test for all the centres and, if not, whether it does not need to be abrogated and held as 'not held' at centres where leakages occurred and question papers different from the original were set. The question appears to have a legal aspect and to need consideration at the hands of legal experts.—Yours, etc.,

K. S. VAKIL (I.E.S. retired).

Ahmedabad Open Land Tax

Sir,—The problem of housing is already terrific. It is a compound of so many factors. The Government programme of housing mainly concerns Labour. The enormous middle class is neglected. People with small means do not find materials at normal rates and are further penalised by the Municipality for keeping their plots open; without any fault of their own. Building costs have risen from 60 per yard to over 120 per yard; added to this is the Rent Act. A small incomed family cannot spare the doubled costs nor build the whole of the permitted area, so as to have spare accommodation to let on hire to enable him to meet taxation and rates. He may build a storey if he can do it at fair price, in order to pay up instalments for a building loan or to have a small income for petty domestic use. As this position is openly recognised as true, there is no justice in imposing and exacting a tax on open land that is not building up the area. It is inequitable and undemocratic. The just and right course is for the Municipality to obtain and supply cement, steel, iron bricks at fair rates and, if in spite of this, a person can get this and yet does not wish to benefit by it, he may be taxed. Beneficial Scheme aid, loans and supplies should be worked up by the nationalised Municipality of Ahmedabad. That will be a practical operation of Sardar Patel's advice to relieve public needs and to redress grievances.—Yours, etc.,

NATVERLAL VORA.

Justice And Democracy

Sir,—The statement made by the Home Member in the Legislative Assembly recently that Government have appointed a Retired Judge of the Bombay High Court to re-examine the cases of those detained under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, will be appreciated by all people interested in the establishment of true democracy in this country. Government seem to have realised that, if at times under stress it is necessary to act in a seemingly undemocratic manner, as for example, the passing of the obnoxious Act which was only possible because of the majority they enjoy in the Legislature, then at the first opportunity they must institute a process as close akin to the normal democratic way as the circumstances will permit.

One hopes, however, that the Special Officer will give the detenus an opportunity of stating their case. In this way, it will be possible to mete out to them common justice, an inviolable right, by acquainting them of the charge against them and permitting them to make their own defence, through counsel, preferably. If necessary, the proceedings could even be in camera. Many probably do not know the reasons for which they are locked up, let alone having the chance of defending themselves. They have been accused, tried and sentenced by the Officer responsible for administering the law, an autocratic process which any State professing to be democratic cannot permit.

Apart from detenus, there may be others who have been denied common justice. Let Government permit such persons to appeal to the Special Officer and, lest this may involve Government in expenditure, let the cost of such appeals be borne by the applicant. I would like here to draw attention to the views on common justice expressed by the Appeal Court of England on a licence case which said, "Common justice required that before any man was found guilty of an offence carrying such consequences (taking away his livelihood) there should be an enquiry at which he had the opportunity of being heard. It might perhaps be possible for the Stewards to stipulate expressly for powers to condemn a man unheard but his Lordship doubted it. It might be such stipulation would be contrary to public policy."—Yours, etc.,

ANTHONY ROSARIO.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

India's Fight For Justice

Once more, India will raise the issue of the vile treatment that is being meted out to the Indian settlers in South Africa before the resumed session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. It is an issue as vital as it is urgent; and yet the General Assembly wobbled in coming to any decision and wobbled again on enforcing that decision. It is more than two years ago that after a prolonged battle between General Smuts who led the South African delegation in person, and the Indian delegation led by Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, the Assembly passed the usual pious resolution for which it has now become famous, calling upon the parties to make up their own quarrel. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, made a chivalrous attempt to get the South African Government to meet Indian representatives at a Conference table. The move was thwarted by Smuts on the flimsy ground that the Indian High Commissioner in Africa who had been recalled, must first be restored. Ever since, India has been trying to get the General Assembly to face and answer this insult offered to it. That body has been avoiding the issue.

Not Ended Yet

Since then the situation has become worse. South African Whites, now encouraged and incited by the Malan Government and its race maniacs, are going all out against the Indians. Mr. M. D. Naidoo who has gone over to the United States as an unofficial adviser to the Indian delegation has uttered a solemn warning that incidents such as the Durban riots may easily be repeated. He said that the Indian population of South Africa was anxious that the General Assembly should take some forward step on its own 1946 resolution. Doubtless, the Indian delegation will try its best to awaken the dying conscience of that body. But, enfeebled as it is by a hundred quarrels on a world-scale, one wonders if that body has the will and the power to listen to the demand for justice. That cannot, however, end the matter as far as India is concerned. With proverbial patience and tenacity, she has fought the battle for her own freedom and she will continue the fight for justice to her children—not to her children only but to all oppressed people anywhere in the world. There is no retreat.

First Things First

It must be said to the credit of the American representative on the U. N. Commission in Indonesia that he is trying to see some justice done to the Republican case almost in spite of the equivocal resolution of the Security Council. That resolution represented a disappointing retreat for the Security Council in the face of Dutch defiance and all but surrendered the fundamentals of the issue. The Dutch had manoeuvred to secure the virtual cancelation of recognition of the Indonesian Republic, which had been conceded by them and which the United Nations had fully accepted. The two-point programme offered at the Dutch-Indonesian peace talks by Mr. Merle Cochran, the U. S. representative, seeks to re-establish that recognition through its necessary consequence, that is the restoration of the Indonesian Republic with its capital at Jogjakarta. The Dutch are still trying to gain their objective; now by attempting to make recognition of the Republic and restoration of Jogjakarta conditional on the settlement of other questions. But this, we hope, will not be allowed by the U. N. Commission. The status and functioning of the Republic are matters that stand apart from other controversial points. There can be no argument about them.

An Unwise Strike

If the report submitted to the Municipal Corporation by the Commissioner regarding he threatened strike of the Municipal Kamgar Sangh is accurate and full, the strike seems to be most unwise. The demands made by the Sangh are too high but perhaps not intended to be taken too literally. When they were being considered by the authorities, it was wrong to issue a sudden notice of strike, particularly because no previous time limit was given for the reply to the demands. Moreover, such a sudden strike in what is declared an essential service is illegal and likely to put the city's health in jeopardy. Nor does such a strike evoke sympathy and support from the public. It is to be hoped that the representatives of the workers, who have been invited to meet the Commissioner, will consider all these points of view and be more reasonable in their negotiations. In any case, the Municipal authorities should lose no time to be prepared to face a strike if the negotiations break down.

OFF AND ON

The Indian Laburnum, (Cassia Fistula), which is often called the Golden Rain or Golden Shower, is one of the most lovely trees in its flowering season. It loses its leaves shortly after the cold weather, and soon the flowers, growing in long, loose clusters literally cover the tree with gold for a few weeks. The tree is rather erratic in its flowering, and sometimes produces a second crop of blossom later in the year, in September or October. When the flowering season is almost over the fresh young leaves appear. They are compound in form and the leafstalk bears some six to eight pairs of leaflets. The fruits are tubular in shape and grow to a length of one to two feet, hanging like long black pipes from the branches. Each pod bears a large number of seeds which are surrounded by pulp, and separated from each other by a transverse membrane. The pods do not open by themselves and in their wild state in the jungle, it is the animals which scatter the seeds, for they tear open the pods to eat the pulp within, and the seeds drop to the ground and are trodden into the soil.

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NATIONALISATION OF INDIAN RAILWAYS

Process Would Be Completed Very Soon, Says Santhanam

UNIFORM SCALES OF PAY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ASSURED

MADRAS, APRIL 15 (A.P.I.): MR. K. SANTHANAM, MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT AND RAIWAY, SAID HERE TODAY THAT THE PROCESS OF NATIONALISATION OF INDIAN RAILWAYS WOULD BE COMPLETE VERY SOON.

Mr. Santhanam, who was addressing the officers and staff of the M. and S. M. Railway, said that railway was the chief nationalist concern as the investment on it was equal to all other investments put together in the country. He repudiated the view expressed in certain quarters that nationalised concerns could not be expected to work efficiently.

"I would repeat", Mr. Santhanam said, "that nationalised concerns, including the Railways, are working equally efficiently, if not better than private concerns. It is our object that we should come upto an even higher level of efficiency."

Mr. Santhanam advised the officers and staff to subordinate individual interests to national interests. He said, Government were doing their best to remove disparity in the salary scales of the various categories of railway employees. A good ground had been already covered in that respect, about nine lakhs of employees having been brought under uniform scales of pay in recent months. Whatever differences in pay existed now will soon be removed, he added.

The Minister said that it was gratifying to note that cordial relationship existed between railwaymen and the public. Of course, railwaymen had come to be criticised as corrupt, he said. "But, he added, "I have been arguing and defending your cause, the chances of corruption in the railway are limited to only five percent."

Railway Union Officials Meet Minister

MADRAS, April 15 (API)—Mr. S. Guruswami, Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, had an interview with Mr K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, for half an hour today.

Mr. Guruswami told pressmen that he discussed with the Minister the procedure and working of the Anomalies Committee. He said he represented to the Minister the desirability of expediting the machinery to resolve the issues pending settlement between the railway employe s and the administration.

Mr R. Venkatraman, President of the Labour section of the Tamilnad Congress, also met Mr. K. Santhanam and pleaded for the reinstatement of some of the employees of the South Indian railway, who had been bound over under section 107 during the threatened railway strike.

The Minister is reported to have promised to look into the matter.

Mr T. V Anandan, General Secretary of the M.S.M. Railway Employees Union, represented to the Minister the need for uniform rules of recognition of Railway Unions all over India. He also urged that Madras should be treated on par with Bombay and Calcutta in the matter of house rent allowances to railway employees.

3 DOMINION PREMIERS FOR LONDON

SYDNEY, April 15 (PTI-Reuter): Mr Joseph Chiefly Australian Prime Minister, and Mr Peter Fraser, New Zealand Prime Minister, left by air for London today to attend the Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Before leaving, the two premiers signed a reciprocal social service benefits agreement.

Mr Chiefly, when questioned before his departure, about London discussions on future Commonwealth relations, replied that he had "nothing to say which would help."

Mr Fraser, questioned about New Zealand's view of Eire, which becomes an independent Republic on Sunday, replied: "I do not think Eire will be discussed. I understand that the question of her relationship is finished."

MALAN FOR LONDON

CAPETOWN, April 14 (PTI-Reuter) —Prime Minister, Daniel Malan left here by air tonight on his way to London to attend the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference on April 21 accompanied by his wife and officials, the Prime Minister flew in a special aircraft. He is due in London on Tuesday.

Madras Harbour Extension Scheme

MADRAS, April 15 (API)—Mr K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Transport and Railways said here today that the Madras harbour extension scheme was estimated to cost about Rs. five crores.

Mr Santhanam, who earlier met Mr G. P. Alexander Chairman of the Madras Port Trust, added that the work which might be taken up for execution some time this year was expected to be completed in four to five years.

The scheme when completed would enable the harbour to cope with five times the present traffic.

Co-ordinating Development Measures In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, April 15 (API)—A delegation of the All-India Manufacturers Association, consisting of six members led by Dr. L. C. Jarwala, Vice-President of the Association, arrived here today on a three-day visit to Saurashtra.

The members of the delegation had over two hours talk with the Saurashtra Government Ministers and later they met representatives of various large and small scale manufacturers.

It was decided at the meeting to organise a provincial branch of the All-India Manufacturers Association, which will send representatives to the parent body and will co-ordinate development measures in conjunction with similar industries in other parts of India through the Association.

The members of the delegation are visiting Jamnagar tomorrow and will go to Bhavnagar day after tomorrow, wherefrom they will leave for Bombay.

HOPE OF EARLY END OF BURMA'S TROUBLES

Thakin Nu Praises India's Friendly Co-operation

NEW DELHI, April 15. (API)—The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, in a farewell message to the people of India before he left here for Rangoon today, said that the people of Burma would soon come to the end of their troubles, with neighbourly understanding and friendly co-operation which they had seldom failed to receive from India.

"Burma is passing through a difficult period" he declared, "but I am certain we shall soon emerge to peace and prosperity"

Thakin Nu added that from what he had seen he felt convinced that India, which was already making big strides "under the leadership of her great Prime Minister and his colleagues" would soon find herself in line with the foremost nations of the world.

SOURCE OF COMFORT

'My country sent with me a most sincere message of goodwill to the people of India. Our long standing friendship which goes back far into the history of our two countries has always been a source of comfort to us specially in times of difficulties.

"We marched side by side to freedom and our mutual understanding, I am sure, shall last for ever.

"I remember with happiness that in spite of the dangers which faced India at one time, she has steadfastly attained peace. This, no doubt, is due to the eternal message of peace and love brought forth by her greatest leader, Mahatma Gandhi.

Thakin Nu told pressmen: "I got almost all the things I wanted". He would not however clarify this statement, nor add anything more except that he enjoyed very much the visit to India and Pakistan.

No Decision Of Ministry Expansion In Madras

MADRAS, April 15 (API)—Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras who returned here today from Delhi, told pressmen that he had not taken any decision regarding the expansion of his cabinet.

The question of appointing Deputy Ministers, he said, would be considered only after the expansion of the Ministry was completed.

Nalini Bala Pal Dead

CALCUTTA, April 15. (UPI)—Nalini Bala Pal, wife of Dr. Radha Binode Pal, ex-Judge, International Military Tribunal Tokyo, expired at 12-20 tonight at Dr. Pal's residence at the age of 55. She was ailing for a long time. She leaves behind Dr. Pal, four sons, six daughters and a number of grand children and relations to mourn her loss.

BURMA RICE FOR TRAVANCORE & COCHIN

MADRAS, April 15. (API)—The S. S. Mount Helicon, carrying 8,369 tons of rice from Burma arrived at the Cochin port on April 13. Of this quantity 5,569 tons will be allotted to Travancore and 2,800 tons to Cochin.

Stop Press

BELGIUM DECIDES NOT TO OCCUPY GERMAN TERRITORY

BRUSSELS, April 15. (PTI-Reuter): Belgium today decided not to occupy, for the time being, the most densely populated parts of German territory awarded to her by the Western occupying powers along the Belgian-German frontier.

HOLKARS FOR DELHI

INDORE, April 15. (A.P.I.): His Highness the Maharaja Holkar, Senior Uparajapramukh of Madhyabharat Union, and Her Highness the Maharani Holkar left for Delhi by air this morning.

News In Brief

NAGPUR, April 13 (UPI)—At a meeting of the Reception Committee of the C.P. and Berar Lawyers' Conference held in the High Court today, it was decided to hold an All-India Lawyers' Conference at Nagpur on the 25th, 26th and 27th of June. The original idea of holding a Lawyers' Conference on the provincial level has therefore been dropped.

BURDWAN, April 13 (UPI)—It is learnt that at present there are 48,183 refugees in Burdwan District, of whom 17,926 are in 14 Government relief camps. So far Rs. 5,81,000 as loan and Rs. 21,00,000 as gratuitous relief have been given to the refugees through the District Relief and Rehabilitation Committee.

BREMEN, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—A 37-year old German was sentenced to death here today after admitting he had killed two boys with a hatchet and eaten parts of one of them.

The man Bodo Fries, was found guilty of the murders in what was said to be the first case of Cannibalism in Germany this century. He was alleged to have killed one of the boys in 1945, the other in 1947.

RANGOON, April 14 (UPI)—Dr. Ba Maw, a former Premier of Burma, who had planned to leave for Darjeeling with his children to put them in school there, has failed to secure passport to leave Burma. Mr. S. Ba Maw is proceeding to Darjeeling with the children.

A meeting of the All-India Agrawals Mahasabha held at the residence of Seth Jai Dayal Dalmia, it was decided to prepare a scheme for opening a big training and milk supply centre at Delhi, at a cost of over one lakh in order to solve the present milk problem. The president has drawn up an intensive tour programme to popularise Goseva work and is shortly visiting Calcutta.

CALCUTTA, April 15, Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, President of the West Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, has suggested in a telegram to the President of the Bihar Provincial Congress, that both of them should together visit Manbhum where the district Lok Sevak Sangh has launched a satyagraha on the issue of teh "linguistic redistribution" of Bihar and West Bengal.

NEW DELHI, April 13, (A. P. I.): As a result of investigation carried out recently the Forest Research Institute at Dehra Dun has developed a process to obtain dye extract from the tamarind-seed testa. The process has been patented and full rights of ownership now vest in the Central Government, according to a press note issued by the Ministry of Industry and Supply.

SIMLA, April 13, (U. P. I.): A new cotton textile factory called the Jagit Cotton Textile Mills is being set up in East Punjab, near Phagwara by the Karamchand Thappur of industries. It is expected the mill will start functioning from January next with 19,000 spindles and 550 looms in the beginning. About 26,000 looms and 400 looms would be installed later on.

HYDERABAD (DN.), April 13 (A. P. I.): The Military Governor of Hyderabad has decided that an appeal to the High Court shall lie against sentences passed by the special tribunals constituted to try offences of murder, loot, arson etc. committed before and immediately after the police action in the state. An amendment in the special tribunals regulation made by the Military Governor on October 30, 1948 is being made to achieve this object.

NEW DELHI, April 14 (API): In connection with the transfer of assets of educational institutions left in Pakistan, the managers and headmasters concerned are requested to communicate to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, particulars regarding the financial, moveable and immoveable assets of their respective educational institutions, says a press note issued by the Ministry of Education.

SYLHET (EAST BENGAL): April 14, A. P. I.): Mr. Balram Sarkar (Congress) was today declared elected to the East Bengal Legislative Assembly from the Karimanjn General constituency.

BOMBAY, Friday: One Bhagavandas Gajandas was knocked down and killed by a B. E. S. T. bus at Girgaum Road near Chira Bazaar, this morning.

COMILLA (EAST BENGAL), April 15, (U. P. I.): With a view to starting a non-Communal United Students organisation on progressive lines in East Bengal, a Pakistan Student's convention has been convened on April 28 and 29 at Comilla.

NASIK, April 15, (A. P. I.): Nasik police, it is learnt, have recovered 560 tolas of gold, believed to be part of the Rs. 1,23,000 worth gold parcel stolen from the running Bombay-Howrah mail between Bombay and Kasara on April 2. Eight persons have been arrested in this connection.

COMILLA April 14, (U. P. I.): A big bear coming from Tripura hills mauled ten persons in the villages east of the town of Comilla East Bengal, the bear was afterwards chased by villagers and ultimately killed.

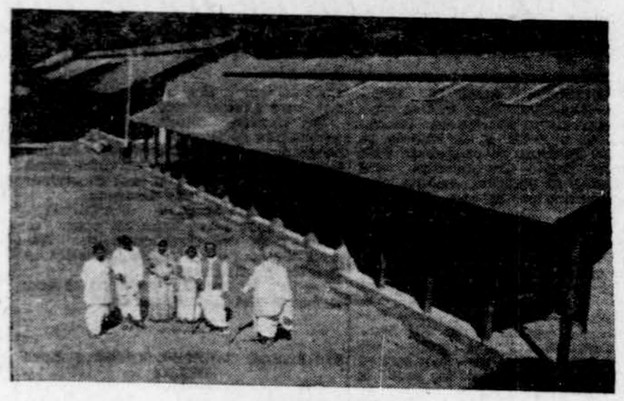
BARODA, April 15, (A. P. I.): About 270 people were rendered homeless as the result of a fire which broke out on Tuesday in Indrad village in Savli taluk of Baroda District, according to information received here. Nearly fifty huts are reported to have been burnt.

JAIPUR: At the instance of Shri Premnarain Mathur, Minister-in-charge Education, Rajasthan Government, a committee has been appointed to recommend a draft ordinance to replace the Rajputana University Act.

RAXAUL, April 15, (U. P. I.): Eight persons, including a police chowkidar and a Congress volunteer, were sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment each, by Mr. S. N. Sharma, trying Magistrate, Motihari, for smuggling riots in Nepal territory near Raxaul.

The seventeenth Session of the All-India Mallah Mahasabha will be held at Dehri-on-Sone, Bihar, on the 29th and 30th inst. and the 1st May 1949.

Holiday Resort In Mahabaleshwar



Government House Building annexe available for public at Mahabaleshwar at nominal rent.

UNITED MAHARASHTRA PROVINCE ISSUE

M.P.C.C. To Express Views Today

MAHABALESHWAR, April 15 (API)—The Executive Committee of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee sat till late tonight considering the issue of the United Maharashtra province, inclusive of Bombay city, vis-a-vis the Nehru-Sardar-Pattabhi report suggesting postponement of the formation of linguistic provinces. The M.P.C.C. Executive's views will be embodied in a resolution which will be released to the press tomorrow.

CO-ORDINATION WORK

Earlier in the day, Congress workers who are now here for the camp devoted their attention to devising ways to bring about a better co-ordination between the Bombay Ministry and the Provincial Congress organisations.

Grievances were voiced at the meeting that some of the legislative measures were taken in hand without consulting the Provincial Congress organisations and that many members of the legislature received complaints individually and ventilated them in the legislature. It was pointed out that such a course of action was detrimental to the proper functioning of the Congress party as a whole. It was suggested that Congress M.L.As. should forward such complaints to the Congress committees who would then take up the matter with the proper authorities.

HOME MINISTER'S VIEWS

The meeting heard the views of the Home Minister of Bombay, Mr. Morarji Desai, who said: "We are a party government in principle but popular government in action". He added that so long as both the government and the Congress committees worked towards he same objective, namely, the creation of a classless and creedless society there was no reason why there should be any misunderstanding between the two.

It was the opinion of the meeting that to bring about better relations between Ministry and the Congress Committees, Ministers and office-bearers of four Provincial Congress Committees in Bombay Province should meet every month to discuss administrative problems so that the Congress committes could prove more helpful in implementing the programme and policies of the Government.

Mobile Exhibition Of Gandhian Literature

RAJKOT, April 15 (API)—Kaka Kalelkar said in an interview here today that it was proposed to acquaint the people of India with the principles and ideology of Mahatma Gandhi through a mobile exhibition of Gandhian literature.

Two trains—one broad guage and the other meter gauge—with ten coaches each will start on October 2 next birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, carrying Gandhian literature and posters on a countrywide tour for propagating Gandhian ideals. The posters and literature will be exhibited in the language of the province in which the train is halting.

KALELKAR'S TOUR

Kaka Kalelkar, who has been deputed by the Mahatma Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Committee to collect all material connected with the various phases and activities of Mahatma Gandhi's life, has started his work with Saurashtra where Mahatma Gandhi was born and had spent some of the years of his boyhood.

Kaka Kalelkar will remain in Saurashtra for about a week, visiting various places. After this he proposes to leave for South Africa to make arrangements for erecting suitable memorials to Mahatma Gandhi in that country and to collect material connected with the period spent there by Gandhiji.

U. N. Palestine Commission Leaving On April 21

HAIFA, April 15 (PTI-Reuter)—Many officers of the United Nations Palestine Commission will leave Haifa on April 21, leaving only a skeleton staff behind, a usually well-informed United Nations source said today.

They are ending their work in Palestine following the armistice agreements between Israel and Arab States, and will return to the United States, France and Belgium.

The only United Nations field observation post to remain will be near Akaba, where British and Israeli troops are stationed.

Three United States destoyers and a French corvette acting as United Nations observation units off the Palestine coast will also be redued.

WHEAT AGREEMENT

Paraguay Has Not Yet Decided To Sign

WASHINGTON, April 15, (PTI-Reuter): Only one of the 42 nations which accepted the World Wheat Agreement last month—Paraguay—has not yet indicated whether it will put its signature to the document.

The time limit for signing expires tonight.

Mexico and Peru, the last of the 39 nations to sign, were impending their signatures today.

The treaty, covering four years, guarantees the export and import of 456,283,389 bushels of wheat yearly.

Governments have to ratify the treaty, until July 1 but the date may be extended if necessary.

Bulgarian Premier On Sick Leave

SOFIA, April 15 (PTI-Reuter)—M. Georgi Dimitrov 66-year-old Bulgarian Prime Minister, has been granted leave because of illness and is now in the Soviet Union receiving medical treatment, the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party announced here.

M. Dimitrov has held the premiership since November 22, 1946.

Palme Dutt To Oppose Ernest Bevin

LONDON, April 15 (PTI-Reuter)—Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, will be opposed by the vice-chairman of the Communist Party, Mr. R. Palme Dutt, at next year's general election, according to a list of 59 candidates published by the British Communist Party today.

Vindhya Pradesh People Congratulate Sardar

NEW DELHI, April 15 (API)—The States Ministry received today a large number of telegrams from the people of Vidya Prradesh congrtulating the Ministry and Sardar Patel on their decision to take over the administration of Vindhya Pradesh. Some of the telegrams demanded an enquiry and open trial of some ministers.

S. Lal For ILO Conference

BOMBAY, April 15 (API)—Mr. S. Lal, Chairman of the Governing body of the International, Labour Organisation, will inaugurate the two-week's session of the I.L.O. American Regional Labour Conference in Montevedio on April 24.

Prior to his departure from India tonight, Mr. Lal told the Associated Press of India that the I.L.O. was considering many important questions of interest to India, particularly labour courts for the settlement of industrial disputes.

Mr. Lal is expected to return to India next month.

HOPE OF SENATE APPROVAL THIS YEAR

United States Agriculture Department officials are confident that the Senate, which allowed last year's agreement to die by just not taking action, will give its approval in time this year.

The maximum price for the wheat over the four years will be one dollar 80 cents, the minimum price one dollar 50 cents in the first year, declining by 10 cents a year.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)

HAPUR, April 15.

Wheat 21 19, Gram 12/8, Barley 12/8, Maize 13, Bajra 14, Juwar 14, Guawar 11/8, Peas Ready 12/10, Jeth 12/1/6, Arhar Ready 12/8, Jeth 12/6/6, Urad 17/8, Moong 19/8, Masoor 12/8 15/8, Sarson 27/4, Taraseed 22 20, Mustard Oil 74, Oilcake 8/12, Groundnut 17/8, Cottonseed 15/8, Oats 10, Sarson Jeth 27/9, Bardana Ready White 125, Red 108, Asuj 106, April 127, September 121, Silver 171/6, Gold 109/4, Steady.

Gur Ready 15/4 to 15, Sakkar 16, Crystal 31, Arrivals poor, Understone steady.

JUTE STOCK POSITION

Government's Suggestions To Trade

The jute industry's difficulty in maintaining production at the present level because of paucity of raw materials was discussed by the Government of India last week with representatives of the Indian Jute Mills Association, the Calcutta Jute Fabrics Shippers Association and the Raw Jute Trade. The Minister for Commerce, the Minister for Industry and Supply and the Minister for Agriculture held the discussion. The Premier of West Bengal was also present.

While the Government agrees that the position of stocks is serious, it feels that it would not be desirous to embark upon a policy of curtailment of production immediately but that the position should be kept under watch and reviewed afresh some time early in June. It has suggested to the Indian Jute Mills Association certain measures, such as adjustment in production of hessian and sacking without curtailmene of total output by redistribution of stocks of raw jute among mills, so that the quantity of raw jute for hessian production is equitably distributed; and increasing the production of sacking relatively to the production of hessian.

The Government feels that these and other measures proposed by it may suffice to enable the industry to tide over the present crisis without any curtailment of production or adoption of special measures regarding labour force which the industry has in view, neither of which could be said to be in the long-term interests of the country or the industry. Should the position appear to be otherwise as a result of the review, the Government would be prepared to consider curtailment of production later in the light of the facts then divulged.

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

French Zone Of Germany A Hard Currency Area

As a result of recent developments, it has been decided to treat the French zone of Germany as a hard currency area. Consequently, imports from that area have to be restricted in accordance with the policy regarding imports from hard currency countries generally. The Government of India has threfore decided to exclude the French zone of Germany from the scope of Open General Licence No. XI. A notification to this effect is issued in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated April 16, 1949.

It has also been decided that goods against orders placed under Open General Licence No. XI, where irrevocably letters of credit have already been opened for shipments from the French zone of Germany, will be allowed to be cleared without licence if shipment is made within the time stipulated in the letters of credit.

TRAFFIC IN GERMAN GIRLS

Woman's Weekly's Serious Charge

LONDON, (I. P. S.): White slavers are offering German girls bogus jobs abroad as housemaids and selling them to brothels. This was the serious allegation of Woman's Weekly Magazine in Hamburg. The journal said that this was being done through some private foreign employment agencies not connected in any way with official British recruiting schemes.

It added:—"Recruitment of German housemaids is a profitable business in England. The girls must sign a contract that they will pay their salary for first 28 days to the agency". The British authorities in Hamburg have made representations to the British Ministry of Labour over this matter.

FILM STARS TO SHARE PROFIT

LONDON, (I. P. S.): Film stars will share in the profits of their films instead of drawings an inflated salaries, if the plan put forward by the British Film Producers Association is adopted. The proposal was made at joint meeting fo the Association of Producers and the Artists union. Under the scheme, stars would got an agreed cash minimum and later a share in the profits.

'NEWS OF THE WORLD' 8,300,000 CIRCULATION

LONDON, (I. P. S.): With the return to free sales, the Sunday newspaper, "New of the World" claims a world record of over 8,300,000. The paper says that it is on the way to 10,000,000 circulation and even the present figure is a now world record for any newspaper in any land.

Fresh Soviet Peace Offensive Through U.N.O.

LONDON, (I. P. S.): Having received a rebuff from President Truman for his Peace Offensive in the form of his "I will meet Truman" interview, Stalin has directed a fresh Peace campaign through the UNO platform when it meets next, says a Moscow message. The Soviet delegate to UNO headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko has been instructed to make full use of the UNO session to broadcast to the world the intention of the Soviet Union for world peace in contrast to the Anglo-American warmongering campaign by regional pacts and alliances, against Russia.

Morrison Completes His Memoirs

LONDON, (I. P. S.): Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Lord President has completed his memoirs. It will be published very soon.

FUTURE OF JERUSALEM

VATICAN CITY, April 15. (PTI-Reuter)—The Pope today reiterated his plea for the internationalisation of Jerusalem and the protection of pilgrimage rights to holy places in Palestine in an encyclical letter to the Catholic episcopate.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, April 15.

The Governor of Bombay received Dewan Mathra Dass, Captain N. J. Vazifdar, Miss Amrit Singh and Miss Shakuntala Singh.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Shrimati Gangaben Patel.

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GEN. CARIAPPA

CALCUTTA, April 15 (UPI)—Gen. Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief, left for Delhi by air this morning.

AHMEDABAD, April 15 (API)—General Cariappa, is expected to visit Ahmedabad on April 25 to inspect the 17th Battalion of the Rajput Regiment stationed here. Major-General D. S. Brar, General Officer Commanding, Bombay area, took the salute at the ceremonial parade of the battalion in celebration of its seventh anniversary this morning.

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DR. SITARAM

CALCUTTA, April 15 (UPI)—Dr. Sitaram, Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan, arrived here today by air from Chittagong.

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MR. M. P. PATIL

KOLHAPUR, April 15 (API)—Mr M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture and Forests Government of Bombay will arrive in Kolhapur on a two day visit on April 30. During his stay, the Minister will visit the Radhanagari Hydro-Electric Scheme and the emergency irrigation scheme besides certain forest areas.

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DR. B. C. ROY

BANGALORE, April 15 (API)—Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier of West Bengal, arrived here today by plane from Calcutta on a short holiday.

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DR. B. V. KESKAR

GAUHATI, April 15 (API)—Dr. B.V. Keskar, India's Deputy Minister for External Affairs, arrived in Gauhati by air this morning and later left for Shillong. During his two-day stay in Assam, Dr. Keskar will, it is learnt, discuss tribal affairs with the Assam Governor Mr. Sri Prakasa and the Premier Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi.

TRAVANCORE TAMILNAD SATYAGRAHA

Arrested Leaders Remanded To Custody

TRIVANDRUM, April 15 (A.P.I.): Mr. S. Nathaniel and Mr. R. K. Ram, President and Secretary respectively of the Travancore Tamil Nad Congress, who were arrested at Nagercoil on the night of April 13 in connection with the T.T.N.C. anti-integration satyagraha, were produced yesterday before Trivandrum District Magistrate who remanded them to custody.

Explaining the circumstances under which the arrests were made, a Travancore Government Press Note today said pursuant to the decision of the Travancore Tamil Nad Congress to launch a campaign of direct action, a public meeting preceded by demonstrations and jathas, was held at Nagercoil on April 13 and Mr. Nathaniel who presided "invoked his audience not to recognise the Travancore Government, advising them to boycott the "Anchal" department (Travancore postal department) and to withdraw their deposits from the "Anchal" savings bank. Travancore 'Anchal" stamps and copies of the Travancore Government Gazette were publicly burnt at the meeting."

Stating that such action would provide a cloak for communist propaganda and activities, the press note added that Mr. Nathaniel and others arrested were being proceeded against under law.

The press note characterised the decision of the Travancore Tamil Nad Congress action council to launch a campaign of direct action—("satyagraha, jathas, hartals, public meetings and other demonstrations for the first ten days and thereafter mass violation of the customs, forest, revenue and fiscal laws of state")—as a challenge to the Government of Travancore and the Government India

MORE SATYAGRAHIS ARRESTED

NAGERCOIL, April 15 (A. P. I.) A batch of five Travancore Tamil Nad Congress satyagrahis, including Mr. P. Thanulingam Nadar, M.L.A. went about the town this morning shouting anti-Government slogans. Police arrested Mr. Nadar and another satyagrahi.

Travancore Ruler In Delhi

NEW DELHI, April 15 (API)—The Maharaja of Travancore arrived in Delhi today. He was received at the airport by Mr. Shavax Lal, Secretary, and Col. Chatterji, military secretary to the Governor-General.

The Maharaja of Travancore is staying at Government House. It is understood the purpose of his visit is to discuss with the States Ministry the changes that are expected to take place following the decision to merge Travancore and Cochin into one unit.

RATION QUANTUM

The foodgrains ration quantum and the maximum proportions prescribed for different cereals in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District rationed areas for the 16th Rationing Week, commencing from 17th April, 1949 to 23rd April, 1949, will remain the same as during the current week.

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CHIFLEY LEAVES FOR LONDON

CANBERRA, April 15 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Rr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, left here by air today on the first stage of his journey to London for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers conference.

Mr. Peter Fraser, New Zealand Prime Minister, will join Mr. Chifley in Sydney this afternoon and the two will leave Australia together.

Mr. Chifley was accompanied by Dr. John Burton, Secretary of the External Affairs Department, and Mr. Fred Wheeler, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

Tunnel Under English Channel

PARIS, April 14 (UPA): Members of Parliaments fror Britain, Belgium, Switzerland and Sweden will meet with French officials here tomorrow to study the possibility of building a tunnel under the English Channel on an invitation from the International Highway Federation, it was learned today.

U. S. Exports To Iron Curtain Countries

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UPA)—American exports to the 11 Eastern European countries behind the Iron Curtain increased 23 per cent in February, it was learned today.

Shipments to Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania rose markedly. Most of the increase was due to bigger shipments of raw cotton.

The increased shipments to Yugoslvia drew particular attention It has been reported unofficially that the United States had been more liberal recently in granting export licenses to Yugoslavia. Figures released by the Census Bureau would appear to substantiate this report somewhat.

Exports have increased to Yugoslavia for the past six consecutive months.

HU CHENG-TSE DEAD

SHANGHAI, April 15 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Hu Cheng-Tse, Managing Director of China's independent newspaper "Takungpad", died here yesterday after a long illness, aged 71.

Connected with the newspaper for over 40 years, Hu numbered among his close friends many statesmen in Britain, which he visited as a member of a Chinese Goodwill Mission, some years ago.

He was "Takungpad's" correspondent at the Paris Peace Conference after the first World War, and was a member of the Chinese delegation to the San Francisco United Nations Conference

TEJPUR (ASSAM), April 14 (A.P.I.): A plan for an Assamese type-writer is claimed to have been invented by a retired engineer of Assam.

Bengali type-writers, now available in the market, can be adapted for Assamese type-writing by changing only two types, according to the inventor. The plan is now under examination by the Government of Assam.

F. A. O. Sends British Doctor To Help Malaria Control In India

WASHINGTON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter).—The World Food and Agricultural Organisation announced tonight that it had sent Dr. P. S. Hudson to India and Pakistan to co-operate with the World Health Organisation and local officials in planning malaria control demonstration in two badly infested areas.

Dr. Hudson will give special attention to the effects on agricultural production and human nutrition of a reduction in the incidence of malaria.

The two areas are the Terai in India and Iswarganj Mymensingh in East Pakistan—among the worst Malaria infected regions of the Far East.

The Terai region is so badly affected that land that was once settled has been abandoned and the area is now depopulated.

The Mymensingh area of East Pakistan, is a densely populated rice growing area where the people are physically weakened by malaria and food production suffers accordingly.

Freeing the areas from Malaria would pave the way for improved agricultural conditions, the organisation said.

Once Malaria control was achieved, it was expected that local Governments would take the initiative in stepping up production with the food and agriculture organisation lending advisory technical aid on any aspects of the work in which the Governments did not have qualified experts.

Dr. Hudson, representing F.A.O.'s agriculture division, will report on the programme which the world Health Organisation is adopting in these areas and on how F.A.O. can best contribute to the success of the enterprise.

To join the staff of F.A.O., Dr. Hudson took leave from his post as Director of the Commonwealth Bureau of plant breeding and genetics at Cambridge, England.

He left Washington on April 12 and is due in New Delhi tomorrow.

VENEREAL DISEASE EXPERT FOR DELHI

GENEVA, April 14 (UPA)—Dr. John Cutler, World Health Organization expert on venereal disease, will leave Saturday for New Delhi where he will head a WHO team to demonstrate new methods of treatment at the request of the Indian Government it was learned today.

Other members of the team are: Dr. Johness Kevttinen of Oslo University and Miss Miram Slight of the United States Public Health Nurse. Cutler is on loan to WHO from the United States Public Health Service.

India Government Move To Start Commercial Corporation

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, APRIL 15: GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAVE SET UP A COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE AND REPORT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCIAL CORPORATION. DR. PUNJABRAO DESHMUKH WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL INCLUDE MESSRS RAMNATH GOENKA, KRISHNAMURTI RAO AND P. V. KAMATH IN ADDITION TO ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF THE ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS AND FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

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ECONOMY DRIVE

Committee's Report Under Review

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, April 15.

The Standing Finance Committee of the Central Legislature will hold ten days' session from May 6 to May 16 to consider the Economy Committee's report.

As announced by the Finance Minister, reports of thir committee have been now examined by various ministries which have, in addition, obtained verdicts of their standing committees.

Meanwhile, the Transport Minister Mr. Gopalswamy Ayyangar who is responsible for the reorganisation of the Central Secretariat has been entrusted to examine the report with special reference to his reorganisation scheme. The ten days' meeting of the Standing Finance Committee will consider Economy Committee's report in the light of the Standing Committee's observations, Mr. Gopalswamy's findings and the Finance Ministry's comments.

Ahmedabad A. I. R. Station Starts Today

NEW DELHI April 15 (API): The Ahmedabad station of All India Radio will go on the air at 5/30 p.m. on April 16. The inaugural programme includes messages from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister and Mr. B. G. Kher, Primier of Bombay.

Members of the Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad, will participate in special bhajan programme on the opening day. Ahmedabad can be heard on 326.1 metres.

HARIJAN TEMPLE ENTRY

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, April 13.

Swami Narayan Harijan temple entry question has again been raised by Sjt. Muldas Vaisya, a Harijan leader, saying that it is not true that Bombay High Court has upheld the decision of Ahmedabad Court decisions as the Harijan Temple Entry Bill has been amended the High Court has referred back the entire case to the lower court.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY

(From Our Correspondent)
JAMNAGAR, April 15.

More than 25,000 people prayed for the peace and prosperity in the Vishwashanti Yagna, performed in Jamnagar, on Wednesday in the Hanuman Jayanti celebrations. More than 220 learned Sanskrit scholars, Pandits and Acharyas performed the Vedic rites and offered 'ahutis' in lacs. Acharyas of all the four Vedas sang the mantras continuously for hours.

Hungarian Parliamentary Elections On May 15

BUDAPEST, April 14 (UPA): The Hungarian Minister of the Interior announced today that parliamentary elections will be held May 15.

A "communique" announced that parties, outside the "Peoples Front", which wish to participate in the elections must apply for the Front's approval by next Monday.

Observers did not expect new opposition parties to develop. The only group outside the five-party "Front" is the Women's Christian Camp. Its leader, Margit Schlachta, was ousted from Parliament last fall and her present whereabouts were known. Two other party deputies are under arrest and only one party deputy, a Catholic priest, remained in the Parliament when it was dissolved.

ALL-INDIA AERO-MODELLERS' ASSOCIATION

CALCUTTA (UPA): A jet-propelled plane was exhibited at a recent meeting here of the All-India Aero-modellers' Association.

The model, powered by a "Jetex" motor, is believed to be the first of its kind in India. It was not entered in any of the regular events of the meeting.

The winning aircraft in the "control-line power duration" section at one stage attained a speed of 80 m.p.h.

MEDIATOR'S ROLE

"Herald Tribune's" Plea For Settlement In Burma

NEW YORK, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): India as a mediator could play a decisive role in the settlement of Burma's problems, the New York "Herald Tribune" declared today.

"It is difficult to forecast the result of the present situation in Burma," the paper said.

"One possibility is the use of the good auspices of other nations including India, to produce an agreement giving the Karens partial autonomy.

If such an agreement could be made and was followed by efforts to revive rice production, perhaps with the aid of a foreign Loan, the Government of Burma would have much better opportunity to establish peace and order and to begin the long-term task of creating a sound administration."

Pakistan To Make 'Certain Proposals' On Burma

KARACHI, April 14 (UPA)— Pakistan Premier Liaquat Ali Khan will make "certain proposals" regarding Burma at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London this month, Burmese Premier Thakin Nu revealed today. Thakin Nu conferred with the Premier today.

Nu reportedly asked both Pandit Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan to seek British arms and air support for revolt-torn Burma.

The Burmese Premier praised Liaquat Ali Khan's "realism" in his approach to the Burmese situation. He said that the Pakistan Premier would also provide the London Conference with "up to date information on Burma".

Asked whether the Premier "financial proposals" to London, Nu replied possibly, then hastened to add that there are many other problems and proposals to be dealt with.

Hyderabad Muslims Confer With Jawahar And Sardar

NEW DELHI, April 15, (A.P.I.): A deputation of Hyderabad Muslims led by the Yunus Salgem waited on the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, to acquaint him with the grievences of Muslims in the State. The Deputation also met Pandit Nehru Later.

Three "Reds" Detained In Indore Jail

INDORE, April 15, (U. P. I.): Three Communist workers of Madhya Bharat, A. B. Lagu, Sitaram Bharani and Harcharanlal Malhotra have been arrested by Indore police. They are being detained in Indore Central jail under the Public Security Act.

International Fair At Brussels

Every year the International Trade Fair of Brussels is held in the same huge exhibition hall which was the central building of the memorable International Brussels Fair of 1935 The broad avenue leading up to this great building is one of the most impressive of the Belgian capital. Every year at the time of the Brussels Trade Fair it is lined with the flags of all the participating nations. THIS YEAR SOME 30 COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO SEND THEIR PRODUCTS TO THE BRUSSELS FAIR, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM THE 30TH APRIL TO THE 15TH MAY. During those two weeks Brussels will be the European centre of commerce.

The success of the Brussels Trade Fair has grown every year since it was first held 25 years ago; it is due to the coincidence of several factors.

Since 1920, when the Fair was held for the first time, much progress has been made. That first year 1,600 participants covered an exhibition surface of 20,,000 square meters. At that time it was a remarkable achievement, but since then the Brussels Trade Fair has done much better. This year the stands will cover a surface of a 100 thousand square meters.

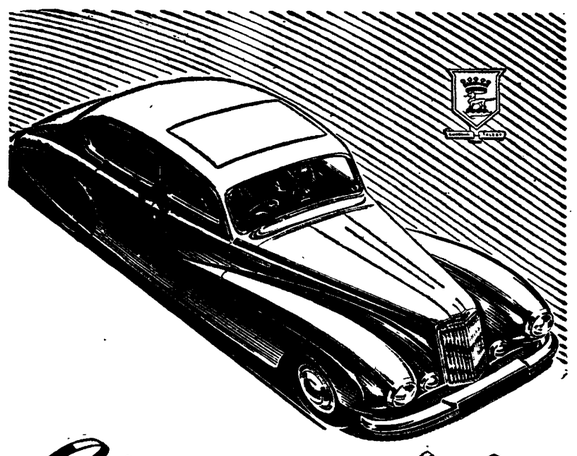
Until now there are 4,000 participants, which is more than in any previous year. Side by side with Belgian firms, 1,500 foreign firms will display their special products and their latest discoveries. It must be remembered that only manufacturers or their sole agents are allowed to exhibit, so that the Brussels Trade Fair is a real samples' Fair, where both the manufacturer and the buyer will find the most recent and complete documentation on the international industrial activity.

Selling retail is ruled out and to avoid crowds and long waits the exhibition is open during morning hours to buyers only.

Special facilities will be granted to foreign buyers. The organizers of the Trade Fair are issuing special cards which dispense the holder of a Belgian visa and give him free access to the Fair and the foreigners' lounge. Interpreters and secretaries also are at the disposal of businessmen who want to draft orders or to correspond with clients. A permanent documentation service gives information about the articles exhibited, and the complete list of the Belgian makers of a given article.

Last year more than a million people visited the Fair, and a special service was organised to book lodgings in and around Brussels for them. This year again visitors can apply to this service, which will book rooms in a hotel and eventually room in a garage for their car. The date of the Fair was established to enable visitors to visit around the same time the fairs of Lyons, London, Basle, Paris and Liege.

Last year's commercial transactions, which amounted to 1 billion Belgian francs, will probably be exceeded this year. Producers, manufacturers, distributors and businessmen will meet in Brussels.



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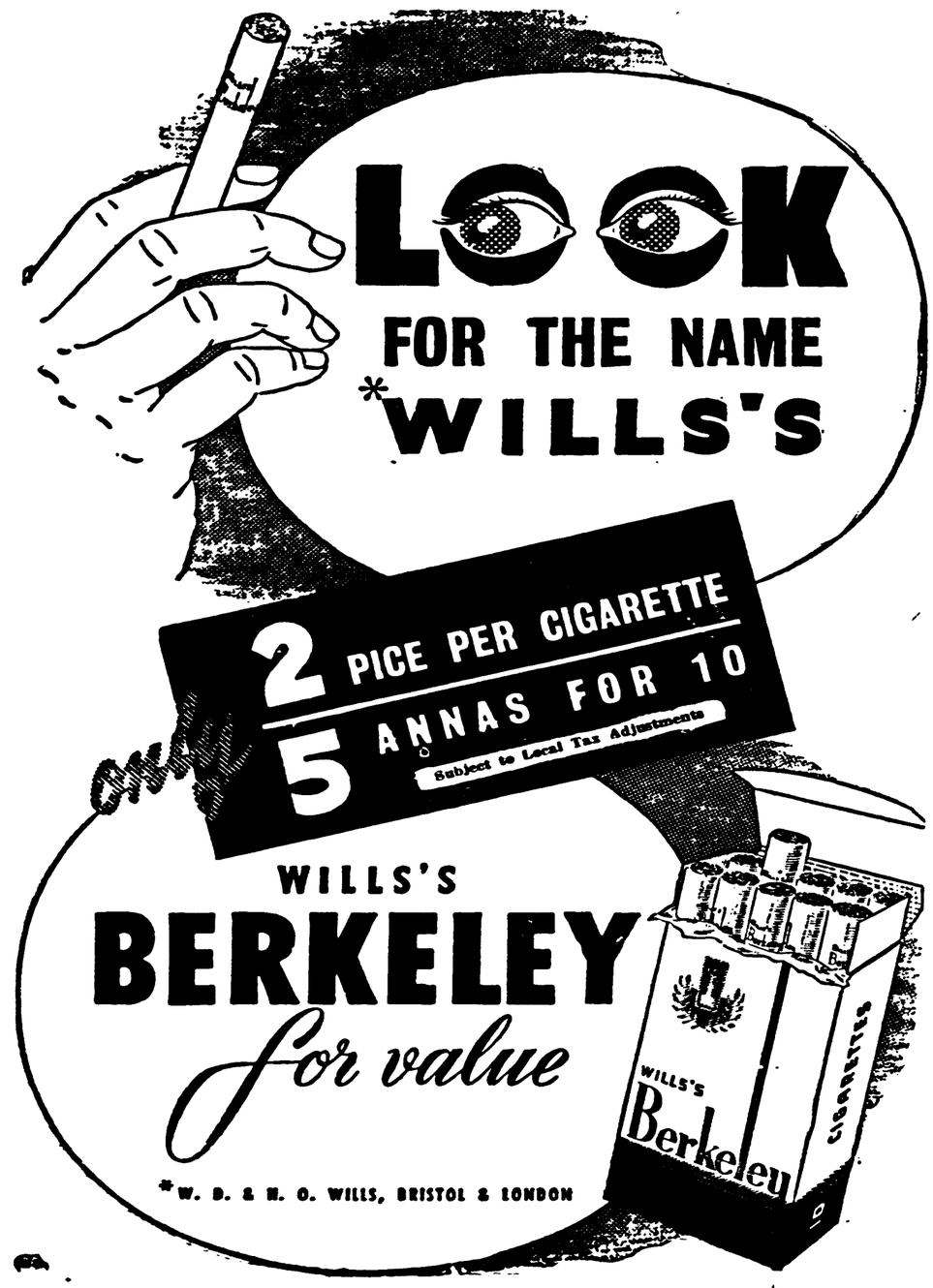

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Naidoo Urges U. N. To Do Justice To Indians

CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA STEADILY WORSENING

Racial Riots May Recur If Present Policy Of Nationalist Govt. Continues Unchanged, He Says

FLUSHING MEADOWS, April 14 (PTI-Reuter).—Mr. M. D. Naidoo, a member of the Executive of the South African Indian Congress, said here today that conditions affecting Indians in South Africa have been deteriorating for the last 18 months and are rapidly worsening.

Mr. Naidoo, who arrived in New York by air from New Delhi this morning, is here in an unofficial capacity as adviser to the Indian United Nations delegation on the treatment of Indians in the Union.

Mr. Naidoo, who was born in Durban and has lived there all his life, said here, "We attribute the present situation in South Africa on the racial question to a logical result of the policies which the Nationalist Government is following at present.

"The racial disturbance who have had in Durban recently seem likely to be repeated. Instead Government is going ahead with their policy that continues to sharpen racial, and particularly anti-Indian feeling.

The Indian population of South Africa is anxious that the United Nations should find some method for taking a forward step on the 1946 resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the treatment of their nationals in the Union.

"There seems no way of influencing the South African Government by any internal appeal," he continued.

"The only way seems to be for world opinion to get South Africa to change her racial policies.

Speaking from my own experiences, I can see the racial difficulties that exist in South Africa."

Mr. Naidoo said that while in India on a mission from the South African Indian Congress he learned there that there had been his difficulties in getting a delegate from the Congress to the United States.

"I had no trouble in getting from India to America, where I intend to remain until the end of the present session of the General Assembly," he added.

TWO MORE MEMBERS TO HYDERABAD MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Disappointment In State Congress Circles

HYDERABAD (DN.), APRIL 14 (UPI).—TWO FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF HYDERABAD WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY BRINGING THE STRENGTH OF THE GOVERNMENT TO SEVEN.

They are Mr. C. V. S. Rao, who has been placed in charge of Finance and Commerce and Industries Departments, and Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao who has been entrusted with Civil Supplies Department. These additions were following the transfer of Mr. D. R. Pradhan who held these folios.

Following is the personnel of the Military Government;

Major-General J. N. Chaudhuri,
Mr. D. S. Bakhle,
Mr. M. Seshadri,
Mr. Nawab Zam Yar Jung,
Raja Dhondi Raj,
Mr. C. S. V. Rao,
Mr. P. H. Krishna Rao.

The Hyderabad Government is now composed of two Mulkis and five non-Mulkis. The Mulkis are—Nawab Zain Yar Jung Bahadur and Raja Dhondi Raj, both of whom were in State Government employ before being taken as Ministers.

Expectations that two popular leaders will be appointed in the Cabinet to give the Government a popular touch received could douche. The reaction from the Hyderabad State Congress circles was one of regret.

The Hyderabad Government have decided that the payment of dearness allowance on pensions will be restricted to persons drawing pensions up to Rs. 500 per month with marginal adjustments above Rs. 500 up to Rs. 587/8 at the existing rates with effect from 1st April 1949.

TREATMENT OF DETENUS

SECUNDERABAD, April 15 (UPI).—The Military Governor of Hyderabad has promulgated the "Hyderabad conditions of detention order", which brings the jail procedure and the treatment of detenus in line with the practice obtaining in the Indian Union.

The classification of each prisoner, will be made by the authority directing the detention, according to the education, status and mode of living of each before the detention. In the absence of such classification at the time of his detention, the security prisoner may appeal to Government for change of his classification.

GLASS WORKERS DISPUTE

The Kohinoor Glass Works which had closed down in February last following a dispute between the Labour and the management will resume functioning with effect from May 1.

It is learnt that a settlement has been reached between the labour and the management at the intervention of the Chief Civil Administrator.

PNEUMONIC PLAGUE CASE IN CALCUTTA

"One Of Worst Scourges Of Humanity," Says Medical Court

CALCUTTA, April 15 (API).—A case of pneumonic plague, described as one of the worst scourges of humanity, has been reported from a Calcutta hospital.

Dr. D. Chakravarty, the Principal of the Calcutta Medical College, in one of whose hospitals the patient died, said today that this was the first case of pneumonic plague known in Calcutta's history. He said all safety measures had been taken and there was no panic among patients in the hospital.

All patients in the hospital where the death occurred have been segregated and innoculated against the disease and admission of new patients to the wards concerned have been stopped for the present.

Another health expert said pneumonic plague could spread "like wild fire" if unchecked and "take a staggering toll of lives, staggering the imagination". However, this expert said the situation could be regarded as reassuring, in view of the fact that already 50 hours had elapsed since the death occurred without a fresh case. He said 48 hours was regarded as the danger period for infections.

It was stated that seven members of the family of the man who died from the disease also died in their village in the Howrah district in the past few days. It was feared that may also have been victims of the same disease.

Pneumonic plague bacilli is carried from person to person through the air, according to experts.

Cases of bubonic plague have occurred in Calcutta during the past few weeks.

MUSSORIE, April 14 (API): The General Council of the Tehri-Garwal Congress Committee passed a resolution expressing confidence in the present Ministry here yesterday. The Resolution also supported the demand for keeping Tehri as an autonomous administrative unit.

BULGARIAN PREMIER RETIRES FROM OFFICE

LONDON, April 14 (UPA)—Bulgarian Premier Georgi Dimitrov retired from office today both as head of the Government and of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

An official announcement in Sofia said that Dimitrov had been granted "home leave" for medical treatment in the Soviet Union. It followed by only 10 days the ouster of Trancho Kostov as vice Premier and head of the powerful Econmic and Financial Committee. It also came on top of recent reports from Yugoslavia that Bulgarian Communists had carried out a wholesale purge.

Western diplomats looking for signs that Russia's power might be waning in the Balkans hoped that Bulgaria had found its "Tito".

Commonwealth Premiers And Pacific Pact

SYDNEY, April 15 (UPA): New Zealand's Prime Minister, Peter Fraser, said he did not believe that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting in London would consider a Pacific defence pact.

Fraser, who is en route to London, said there was no threat to Australia's and New Zealand's security from Far Eastern countries. However, he added, "in 10 or 20 years' time, when the governments of the Far Eastern countries settle down, we might then have to take stock of our position."

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Protest Against Merger Of Baroda With Bombay

Memorial Sent To G. G.

BARODA, April 15 (A.P.I.): A memorial protesting against the coming merger of Baroda state with Bombay, signed by 2,000 citizens of the state, has been sent to India's Governor-General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, it was learnt today.

The memorial states that Baroda's merger with Bombay province will be wholly illegal and unconstitutional and that the question should be left over for a new Baroda Legislative Assembly, constituted on the basis of adult franchise under the reforms announced by the Maharajah last year.

The "Praja Sangh" of Baroda, which has been collecting signatures for the memorial is also said to be filing a suit in the Federal Court praying for nullification of the Maharajah's decision to merge the state in Bomoay province.

S. INDIA AIR MAIL SERVICES

MADRAS, April 14 (API): Lt.-Col. B. K. Taylor Director of Postal Services, told the A.P.I. today that over 2,000 pounds of mails were being despatched on an average every day from Madras to different parts of India by air since the introduction of the new air mail scheme on April 1.

The air mail service, he said, would soon be extended to all important towns in Madras province and the South Indian states.

Negotiations between the postal department and the flying clubs of Madras Mysore and Hyderabad to enlist their services to carry the mails were afoot, he added.

Lucknow Papers Observe Holiday

LUCKNOW, April 15 (API): Lucknow newspapers observed a holiday to-day, in response to a call by the Reception Committee of the Sixth Session of the U. P. Working Journalists' Federation, to enable their members to attend the session this evening.

A large number of delegates from the U. P. towns have arrived.

AMBALA, 13: Chaudhuri Krishen Gopal Dutt, former Finance Minister of East Punjab, said here today: "hypocrisy has crept into our public life and we have thrown to the winds the sublime ideals of Mahatma Gandhi so soon after his death," says a A.P.I. report from Simla.

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BURNING TRAGEDY IN BHADRAKALI

CALCUTTA, April 14 (UPI).—A report of a burning tragedy involving death of four persons has been received here from Bhadrakali village in Hooghly district.

It is stated that the owner of the House, a motor driver, suspected the fidelity of his wife. On the evening of Tuesday he locked the house from outside and threw petrol into the room. The hut was set on fire and the occupants, wife of the motor-driver, two girls and a young man—received serious burn injuries. Villagers rushed to the spot, unlocked the house and sent the injured to hospital where all the four succumbed to injuries.

The motor driver has been arrested and police investigation is continuing.

EDUCATION OF ARAB REFUGEES

U. N. E. S. C. O.-Sponsored School Opened At Mareilias

PARIS, April 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): A survey of the educational needs of Arab refugee camps has been carried out by Mr. P. N. Kirpal of the Indian Ministry of Education. Following this the 60 nation temporary International Council for Educational Reconstruction — an offshoot of UNESCO — today appealed to all member organisations to help Arab refugees in the Middle East.

A statement by the Council's said the first UNESCO — sponsored school for refugee children had been opened at Mareilias camp near Beirut.

Mr. Kirpal estimated the number of refugees as follows:

Palestine 480,000; Egypt 112,000; Eria 100,000, Lebanon 100,000; Transjordan 75,000 and Israel 40,000.

U. S. PERFECTS GUIDED MISSILES

NEW YORK, April 15 (PTI-Reuter): American scientists have perfected guided missles which, launched from aircraft at supersonic speeds, would track down enemy planes by radar and destroy them, according to General Joseph McNarney, Chief of Air Material Command.

QUICKEST SHOP-LIFTING OPERATION IN CITY

Man Gagged, Tied Up And Shoved Into Glass Case

BOMBAY, Friday.

In broad daylight, in the heart of crowded Kalbadevi area, four intrepid young men, are said to have entered a shop, gagged the shop assistant, tied him up, shoved him into a glass show case, locked it, rifled the cash box and made good their escape.

One of the quickest and simplest, shop lifting operations the city has known, this incident threw the entire Swadeshi Market into a panic this morning. While the bare particulars in so far as the stupified shop assistant could narrate them are available, there is still a great deal of mystery as to how the desperadoes planned the offence and carried it out. An even greater mystery is how, how they got away, though it is presumed they must have had a car waiting somewhere very close to the scene, in which they may have driven away.

With all this, however, the damage done by them was somewhat minor in character.

The scene of this daring robbery was the cloth shop of Manmohankumar Manubhai, in one of the alleys of the Swadeshi Market. About 10-30 this morning, Tribhuwandas Bhanji, the "Mehta" of the shop unlocked the door and was just trying to dust the counters and arrange the goods.

Just then four men entered the shop and before he could realise what was happening, he was pounced upon by the men, tied hand and foot, gagged, forcibly shoved into a huge show case. They locked the show case on him, broke open the cash box, snatched about Rs. 500 which was in it and vanished into thin air.

Slowly the helpless "Mehta" locked in the show case recovered his wits. He wriggled and struggled and struck his tied hands on the glass panes and managed to make enough noise to attract the attention of the men in the next shop, who stood aghast at the bundled man in the show case, when their attention was drawn to him by the curious noises he was making.

The "Mehta" was released, the police were rung up and after the man had narrated what he knew, he was removed to the hospital where he is recovering from the shock and the minor injuries sustained in the course of his morning's strange encounter.

Sub-Inspector Kulkarni of the Princess Street is making further inquiries into the case.

CHRISTIANS OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY

BOMBAY, Friday:

Christians in Bombay today solemnly observed "Good Friday" with prayers and services in churches invoking memories of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth nineteen hundred and sixteen years ago under the orders of Pontius Pilate, the Roman.

The unnailing of Jesus from the bloody cross on Mount Calvery was faithfully reenacted in the churches by Roman Catholics. The life-size statue of Christ was unvailed and laid in the sepulchre where it will rest till Holy Saturday (tomorrow), when it will be removed to the singing of hallelujahs. Easter Sunday will mark the break of the mourning period and Christians will observe the day with rejoicings to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus.

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INDIAN PARLIAMENT IN RETROSPECT

THE LEGISLATIVE RECORD OF THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT'S BUDGET SESSION, WHICH CONCLUDED APRIL 9, WAS REGARDED BY OBSERVERS AS IMPRESSIVE.

IN 51 SITTINGS, SPREAD OVER 67 DAYS, THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT PASSED 42 BILLS— 38 OFFICIAL AND 4 NON-OFFICIAL — IN ADDITION TO THE RS. 210 CRORE (ABOUT £ 157,500,000) RAILWAY BUDGET AND THE RS. 323 CRORE (ABOUT £ 242,250,000) GENERAL BUDGET.

10,300 VISITORS, RANGING FROM MULTIMILLIONAIRES TO PEASANTS, ATTENDED THE SESSION. THE LARGEST ATTENDENCE WAS ON THE BUDGET DAY WHEN 567 PEOPLE OCCUPIED THE GALLERY.

2,579 QUESTIONS WERE TABLED FOR ORAL ANSWERS. 1,789 WERE ACTUALLY READ OUT. THEY COVERED A WIDE FIELD, FROM INDIA'S ATTITUDE TO ATLANTIC PACT TO MEMBER'S RIGHT TO PUT UP COW SHEDS IN THEIR COMPOUNDS.

The House heard the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru welcome foreign capital and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister declare that Government had successfully faced the two-fold threat from Communists and communalists.

The session will be remembered for the enhancement of postal rates—post cards from six pies to nine pies and envelopes from one and half annas to two annas. The blow, however, was softened by the announcement that all letters and post cards would be as far as possible carried by air.

Among the official bills was the Banking Companies Bill. After an eight-day debate, the House passed it as reported by the Select Committee. The main features of the Bill include the abolition of the managing agency system, prohibition of trading by banks ban on banks holding immovable property and extensive powers to supervise and inspect banks.

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, remarked that the bill constituted substantial progress in forwarding banking in India.

Another bill, with a life of one year, limits dividends which will be paid by public companies to 6 per cent of paid-up capital or the average annual dividend between April 1, 1946 and March 31, 1948, whichever is higher.

The House ratified the Hanava Agreement giving Tariff concessions to a number of countries on a reciprocal basis.

CINEMATOGRAPH BILL

The Cinematograph (amendment) Bill restricts exhibition of films not considered suitable for children and adolescents. Films will be divided into two categories—"A" for adults only and "U" for unrestricted release. An adult is defined as a person who has completed his 18th year. The Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Mr. R. R. Diwakar, did not reply to a question whether a young man of 20 who has married a girl of 15 could take his wife to "A" films.

In the field of social reform, the House passed Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava's Bill to raise the marriageable age of girls from 14 to 15. His attempt to raise the marriageable age of boys from 18 to 20 however, failed. Mr. Gadgil speaking for Government, said in effect, "if a man is good enough to enlist into the army at 18, he is good enough to manage a wife".

Almost without a murmur, the House also passed a measure for which social reformers have been agitating for generations—validation of intercaste marriages among Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. The credit for this, too, goes to Pandit Bhargava.

HINDU CODE BILL

In contrast, the Hindu Code Bill, giving women right to property and Hindus the right of divorce, ran into stormy weather. The women members were unanimously in favour but not a very large section of men. Tempers were frayed when after six days' debate the Bill was still in the consideration stage. Supporters alleged that the "opposition" was "sabotaging the Bill by filibustering."

Commerce Minister, K. C. Neogy's Bill to develop the tea industry elicited a demand from Babu Narain Singh from Bihar that a medical board be set up to examine whether tea was poisonous to the human system. Mr. Neogy refused to accept the suggestion and said he had no doubt that without substitutes like tea, for alcoholic drinks, the prohibition policy might be endangered.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, answering a question tabled by Mr. H. V. Kamath, a non-smoker, assured him that smoking in moderation did no harm but too much of it might be dangerous to health.

Speaking on a bill to control accommodation in Delhi hotels, Mr. Gadgil made the House gasp for breath with the "revelation" that a Delhi hotel charged Rs. 31 for 12 sandwiches.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

The Transport Ministry's five-year plan to develop 12,300 miles of national highways at a cost of Rs. 300,000,000 (£22,500,000) has made considerable progress during the first year just ended.

When this network is completed, India will have a fine system of metalled roads linking up the far corners of this sub-continent.

Delhi will then be connected with Amritsar leading up to the Pakistan border on the north and via Agra and Cawnpore to Calcutta on the east. Madras will be linked up with Bombay on the one side and Calcutta on the other, while there will be a long artery running across the entire length of the country from Benares to Cape Comorin at the tip of the peninsula.

From the dawn of history, India has boasted of one of the finest systems of roads. In the words of the Indian Road Development Committee, excavations in Mohan-jo-Daro (Sind) and Harappa (the Punjab)—described as the cradle of human civilisation—show that these cities had broad roads with proper drainage as far back as 3500 and 2500 B.C., respectively.

Today, however, India has veered round to the other extreme and occupies the last place in road development. With a total of over 95,000 miles of metalled road, India has 0.22 miles of road per square mile, compared to 2.02 miles in Britain.

Soon after the transfer of power the National Government set itself to remedy this and planned a five-year scheme for road development including national highways totalling 13,300 miles. The Transport Ministry has provisionally assumed complete financial liability for the construction and maintenance of these highways from April 1, 1947.

During the first year that this scheme has been in operation, several items of work have been undertaken These include improvement to road links, construction of bridges and widening of congested sections of roads.

Steps have also been taken by the authorities concerned to end the railroad competition and substitute it by road-rail co-ordination. For this purpose all Provinces have formulated schemes for re-organisation of motor transport and some have already put them into effect.

Darashikoh's Manuscript To Be Exhibited

LUCKNOW, April 14 (API).—The manuscript of a Hindi book, "Doha Sar Sanghraha", edited by Darashikoh, son of Emperor Shahajahan, in 1653, will be on display at the exhibition of about three hundred ancient Hindi manuscripts, organised here at the annual session of the U.P. Hindi Sahitya Sammelan.

Acharya Narendra Deva, Socialist leader, will open the exhibition near the Kaiserbagh Bardari on April 16.

The 16th century epic, "Padmavati" written by Malik Muhammad Jayasi, will also form part of the exhibits.

Among other manuscripts will be the oldest Hindi book written in southern India by Shah Ali Jiv in Hyderabad in the 16th century entitled "Jawahirul Israr," which deals with Suphism, and "Anjuli Puran", a book on Ayurveda, written in the 18th century by Francisi Hakim, a Frenchman.

ARMY TO ENLIST BEN(\LI RECRUITS

CALCUTTA, April 15 (A.P.I.): A company of 200 Bengalis is to be recruited shortly as infantarymen in the Indian Army. General Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief of India, announced this at a function in Kanchrapara, 35 miles from Calcutta, yesterday.

General Carippa said that the company would be attached to the 7th Rajput Regimental training centre at Fatehgarh in the United Provinces and would receive special training to equip them as future Junior Commissioned and Non-Commissioned officers. They would form the nucleus of instructors for Bengali battalions to be raised in the future.

General Cariappa left by air for Delhi this morning.

India Can Profit By Copying Turkish Social Reforms

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPA): Professor Zafar Massan Aybek, Faculty Member, Turkish Military Academy, said here today that India could profit by copying some of the social reforms introduced in Turkey since World War I.

Aybek, who was born in India but now a naturalized Turk, told the Indian Council of World Affairs that India could speed the rate of literacy by adopting the Roman alphabet.

Other Turkish reforms he urged India to adopt included the abolition of purdah, equality of women and nationalisation of industry and essential services.

MACBRIDE WELCOMES ATLANTIC PACT

WASHINGTON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Sean Macbride, Eire Foreign Minister, welcoming the Atlantic Pact here today, said it was "unthinkable" that Eire would participate "while the British maintain they have a right to occupy a portion of our country".

Eire would never join the Pact while Northern Ireland was under the British crown, he said.

This attitude was not the attitude of any one party or any one section of the people, but the attitude of all political parties and of the overwhelming majority of electors.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS TO BE TAKEN IN 1950

RAJKOT, April 15 (API)—A 12-man technical committee has been appointed to prepare preliminary work for a census of agriculture to be taken in 1950 under the auspices of the food and Agricultural Organisation. Mr. W. R. Natu, statistical and economic Adviser to the Government of India, will be Chairman of the Committee.

The census, stated to be the first of its kind, will cover all aspects of agriculture.

FIVE LAKHS OF DEATHS BY T. B.

Dr. Benjamin Advises To Take B. C.G. Vaccination

CUTTACK, April 14 (API): Dr. Benjamin, Adviser to the Government of India on tuberculosis addressing the Orissa Medical Services Association and the Medical College students here at the Medical College said that there were about 5 lakhs deaths every year from T. B. in India and about 25 lakhs suffering from the disease.

Compared with this figure they had provision for only about 7,000 beds in the T. B. Sanatorium in India. It would require some decades to provide the required beds for all of them.

Dr. Benjamin said that it was therefore decided to inoculate those of the young people who were more susceptible to the disease with BCG vaccine. This vaccine was used on larger scale in the Scandinavian countries with useful results. The vaccine would provide immunity from the disease for not less than five years if not more, he added.

Col. Hajra, Director of Health, Orissa, who presided said that shortly local units would be trained under the World Health Organisation for carrying out this work of BCG vaccine in Orissa.

PERSIA'S INVITATION TO LIAQUAT ALI KHAN

KARACHI, April 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Persia has asked the Pakistan Prime Minister Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, to visit Teheran as a state guest, it was authoritatively learned tonight. The invitation was received earlier today.

PARIS UNIVERSITY'S PRESENT TO HOSHIARPUR

Sanskrit-German Lexicon

HOSHIARPUR, April 15 (UPI):—The University of Paris has presented to the Vishveshvaranand Vedic Research, Hoshiarpur, one out of its two complete 10 volume sets of the great Sanskrit-German lexicon, by Bohtlingk and Roth, which being out of print since long, was unprocurable otherwise.

PAKISTAN APPEALS FOR U. S. AID

KARACHI, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—Pakistan Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad to-night appealed to the United States in a Rotary Club address here to fight communism by assisting countries that had suffered from colonial exploitation.

"The only sure cure is to raise the standard of living in these unfortunate countries" he said.

"That aid should be given soon. What is required is generous assistance scientific aid, the technical knowledge and capital goods."

Pakistan, said the Minister, had a great problem in raising her standard of living.

Pakistan's yield per square mile of agricultural land was moreover extremely unsatisfactory.

The only answer was mechanisation, but as smallholders of the Dominion could not be expected to afford costly machinery he suggested a system of co-operative farming and a bank which would lend not money but agricultural implements.

"The biggest need of Pakistan today is not industry. It is agriculture," he said.

Pakistan however was developing industries in the face of many difficulties.

Victoria To Inquire Into 'Red' Activities

MELBOURNE, April 14 (PTI-Reuter) Mr. Thomas Hollway, Victorian State Premier, told Parliament today he hoped soon to announce the terms of reference of a royal commission to investigate the activities of the Communist Party in the state.

The government was collecting evidence, he said, with a view to the appointment of the Commission.

Eritrea Moslem League's Delegation

LAKE SUCCESS, April 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): A delegation of the Eritrea Moslem League arrived here today to present their case before the Political Committee on the future of the Italian colonies.

The Moslem League, one of five political parties in Eritrea, is opposed to any union with Ethiopia.

ONE-YEAR TRADE AGREEMENT

Britain & Russia Start Talks

LONDON, April 15 (UPA): British and Russian representatives started preliminary negotiations for a one-year trade agreement, yesterday.

A. G. Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, told Commons that Board of Trade president Harold Wilson conferred on Tuesday with Vlas Andrevitch Klentsov, trade representative at the Soviet Embassy, London. Bottomley said the initial talk was a "preliminary" discussion about the principles upon which a one-year trading agreement might be based.

A Board of Trade representative denied yesterday that the talks had begun. Bottomley, however, acknowledged that talks were under way when asked about them by John Platts Mills, left-wing Labourite member of Parliament. Platts Mills said that the United States and the British Conservative Party were trying to "diminish or even end our trade with the Soviet Union. If they succeeded, Britain would be involved in economic disaster and mass unemployment which is even now approaching our shores."

Bottomley replied: "It is not our side that is holding up these negotiations We are anxious to get an agreement."

Communist William Gallacher cited Britain's dollar deficit and suggested Britain develop "alternative sources of supply from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe". Bottomley replied: "We have been trying for months to get these supplies."

GERMAN FRONTIER RECTIFICATION

Dutch Chamber Not In Favour Of Western Proposals

THE HAGUE, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—Most members of the First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament are not in favour of the minor German frontier rectifications proposed by the Western powers recently, according to a report on member's views published to-night.

Some members pointed out that the rectifications were uncertain in any case, as they were subject to confirmation in the ultimate peace treaty with Germany others said it would have been preferable to have had economic compensation rather than territory. Others said that Germany was an important hinterland for the Netherlands and that nothing would be done in prejudice good relations between the two countries.

The members' report confirms, recent forecasts by political observers that the Bill authorising the rectifications would not have such an easy passage in the First Chamber as in the Second.

RUSSIANS TIGHTEN BERLIN BLOCKADE

BERLIN, April 15 (UPA): The Russians yesterday tightened the blockade of Berlin by taking control of all German telephone lines from the Western sectors to the Soviet zone. The action came only 24 hours after the new telephone exchange headquarters was completed in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

Until the new headquarters was erected, 89 telephone lines ran from the Western Allied sectors to Soviet Zone points and calls were booked through the Western Berlin Post Office.

LORD BOYD-ORR LEAVES FOR INDIA

LONDON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter).—Lord and Lady Boyd-Orr left London airport tonight for Bombay, before leaving, Lord Boyd-Orr said that they were to be the guest of the Indian Government for three weeks, during which time he would make a general study of the food and agricultural situation there.

Afterwards he added, he was going to the U.S. on a personal visit and would not be back in this country until about the end of June.

LONDON, April 13 (UPI)—Diplomatic representatives of the Middle East countries believe that Turkey and Israeli are discussing the possibilities of a mediterranean pact but both the countries are faced with so many internal problems and uncertain foreign factors, that nothing concrete has been achieved so far. The Turkish ban of the film "Oliver Twist" in which the leading character is a Jew who is a criminal—is directed as a sign of this understanding.

MARSHALL AID WILL NOT BE REFUSED TO HOLLAND

Provisions Of Extension Plan Bill Approved By Congress

WASHINGTON, APRIL 14 (P.T.I.-REUTER): THE PROVISIONS OF THE MARSHALL AID EXTENSION PLAN BILL FINALLY APPROVED BY CONGRESS TODAY ARE NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT AID TO THE NETHERLANDS, IN SPITE OF AN ATTEMPT DURING THE DEBATE TO MAKE AID CONDITIONAL ON HOLLAND'S COMPLYING WITH DIRECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON INDONESIA.

The language in the compromise Bill sent to President Truman today would deny Marshall aid to any country "against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action" and where continued American aid would be "inconsistent with obligations" of the United States of the United Nations.

In its report accompanying the Bill sent to the White House, Congress reiterated that on "the Indonesian situation, the relevant language (of the Bill) underscores, but in no wise changes the obligations of the United States to make the conduct of this (Marshall aid) programme consonant with economic action taken in pursuance of the United Nations charter.

"It in no wise exposes the United States to the obligation to act alone in applying economic sanctions to any country".

It was this reluctance of Congress to anticipate any initiative that otherwise lies with the United Nations that prompted the revision of the amendment originally advanced during the Senate debate on the legislation.

—U. P. A.

NILGIRI TRADERS' MEMORANDUM

"Relax Enforcement Of Prohibition Act On Hill Station"

OOTACAMUND, April 15 (A.P.I.): The Nilgiri Traders Association in a memorandum to the Madras Government had requested the Premier and other ministers to resume their summer visits to Nilgiris and to relax the enforcement of the Prohibition Act on the hill station as a special case in view of the climatic conditions there.

The memorandum said that Nilgiri Hills which were discovered as a health resort in 1820 and developed as "the queen of the hill stations" had now lost its glamour owing to the rapid decline in visitors and tourists traffic. Consequently, trade also declined considerably.

The Association suggested to the provincial government to approach the Central Government for putting the Nilgiris on the tourist world map on the same lines as Swiss and French holiday resorts.

INDIA'S LEATHER GOODS INDUSTRY

JULLUNDUR, April 15 (A.P.I.): Mr. G. R. Valunjkar, "Gosewa" development adviser to the C. P. Government and in charge of Gosewa Charmalay at Wardha, who is touring the East Punjab said here today that decentralised leather and allied industries on cottage industry scale could easily be set up in East Punjab.

In five years time, India would be independent of all foreign imports of leather goods, he said.

It is learnt that Mr. Valunjkar has been invited by the Central and other provincial governments also to recommend steps for reorganising the industry.

Army Deserter Chased And Arrested

JULLUNDUR, April 15 (A.P.I.): An army deserter, who had travelled nearly a thousand miles across India "to settle an old score" with his village headman has been arrested near Jullundur. With a companion, he had left his unit station at Secunderabad, making the journey by train, lorry and on foot. The men fired with service rifles at the residence of the village headman, report said.

The deserter was arrested after a six-mile chase.

HOLIDAY MOOD IN WORTH STREET TRADING

NEW YORK, April 14, (U. P. A.): Consumer price consciousness and busier holidays heralded development of new business in textiles on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market today.

Jewish Passover observance practically halted manufacturer operations while some mill agents and converters announced their intention of observing half-holiday on Good Friday.

Converters, however, reported a small trickle of orders on goods for quick nearby delivery. Despite the rise in raw cotton futures to the highest levels of the year. Buyers continued to count on possible levelling off in fabric price structure. A pressure for lower prices was apparent in print cloths. Eighty Square Yard print was reported to have been sold for May-June at 11¢ cents per yard which was a new low. Burlap prices, despite plans in India to seal 12-1/2 per cent of hessian looms for a 24-week period, remained heavy with buying interest negligible. Importers assumed that there was an ample supply of goods.

NEW YORK STOCKS IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, April 14, (U. P. A.): Stocks were irregular and price changes in main list were small either way on the New York Stock Exchange today. Most of the pivotals held previous levels. Many investors struck to the sidelines due to holidays. There was nothing in news to influence the market.

Caution continued to dominate Wall Street pending release of more first quarter earnings reports.

Oils were the brightest group today. Amerida Petroleum jumped more than one point. Steels were generally mixed. Santa Fe, Southern Illinois, Central and Northern Pacific and Nickelplate eased in a moderately lower carrier group.

Stock sales amounted to 800,000 shares. Curb sales totalled 260,000 shares. The turnover in bonds came to dol. 2,600,000.

Dow Jones average closings included: Industrials, 176.62; Rails, 48.84; Utilities, 36.26 and Bonds, 98.01.

Closing prices included:—

STOCKS	April 14.
Abbott Laboratories	79 3/8
Allied Chemicals	182 3/4
American Can	92 1/4
American Radiator	13 1/8
American Smelting	46 7/8
American Sugar	
American Telephone	146 1/4
American Tobacco	65 3/4
Anaconda Copper	30
Bankers Trust	40
Bethlehem Steel	30
Boeing Plant	23 3/8
Canadian Pacific	12 3/8
Celanese	25 1/4
Chase national Bank	35 1/8
Chrysler	50 1/8
Consolidated Edison	23 1/8
Coty	3 3/4
Douglas Aircraft	60 1/4
Dupont	192 1/2
Eastman Qodak	45 7/8
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	48 1/2
General Motors	36 7/8
General Electric	59
Gillette	30 5/8
Goodyear	43 1/8
International Nickel	28 5/8
International Tel. & Tel.	10 5/8
Lockheed	21
Nash Kelvinator	12 3/8
National City Bank	40
New York Central	11 1/4
Pennsylvania Railroad	15 3/8
Shell Oil	35 5/8
Southern Pacific	42 1/8
Standard Oil of New Jersey	71
Studebaker	18 3/4
Swift & Co.	30 3/8
Twentieth Century Fox	21 5/8
U. S. Steel	72
Warner Brothers	11 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	23
Brazilian Traction	
Technicolour	13

NEW YORK COTTON MARKETS

NEW YORK, April 14

COTTON: The continued optimism over the export outlook particularly in connection with Japanese purchases served to check earlier declining tendencies. News about cotton textiles remained disappointing however and again hindered outside support. After initial irregularity, prices sagged owing to May liquidation and profit-taking in other months but export prospects subsequently influenced a mild rally. In the afternoon favourable export outlook brought increased activity and firmness with contracts much more scarce. Gains upto nearly 20 points resulted from increased trade covering. Apart from increasing optimism about United States exports of raw cotton under E.C.A. little other news was forthcoming but the market closed firm. Sales were estimated at 275,000 bales.

STOCKS: The markets this morning are as mixed as the first quarter earnings which are currently being eagerly studied. Analysts say that no definite conclusions can be drawn from earnings so far. Continued dividend anxiety depressed armour preferred to a new low for the current year of 96 3/4. This however was an exception to the general drifting upto one dollar either way in sluggish trade. Much of the caution was due to preholiday considerations but it was accentuated by crosscurrents, in the news such as the secretary of treasury's forecast of continued prosperity and the President's economic council's acknowledgment of a predominantly downward trend in key economic indicators. Averages were industrials 176.88 and rails 48.95. The utility average managed to establish a new 1949 high by a slight margin but most of the other sections were still hovering around earlier levels. Nonferrous minings gave a mixed reception to reports that one custom smelter was offering refined copper at two cents below major producers' price. Rails averaged a trifle lower in face of a further small gain in freight loadings to 757,784 cars for the week ended April 9th, again due to increased movement of coal and ore. The advance in utilities enabled the composite average to finish practically unchanged. The market closed irregular.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Following early irregularity prices rallied under the leadership of wheat on commission house buying and short covering evidently inspired by mid-April storms accompanied by high winds over parts of the midwest. Mills were prominent on the buying side in May wheat believed to represent hedge lifting against export flour sales to the United Kingdom overnight.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, April 14.

May	32.92
July	32.11
October	29.07
December	28.81
Middling Spot	34.11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, April 14.

May	32.71
July	32.02
October	29.00
December	28.78
Middling Spot	33.00

The volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 800,000 shares.

The highest and lowest U.S. Steel trading prices were 72-3/8 and 71-7/8 respectively.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, April 14.

American Telephone and Telegraph	145-1/4
Amerex Holding Co.	26-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	30
Chase National Bank	35-1/2
Sinclair Oil Co.	23
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	48-1/2
General Electric Co.	36-7/8
General Motors	59
Ingersol Rand	60-1/2
International Nickel	28-5/8
National City Bank of New York	40-1/2
New Central Rail Road Co.	11-1/4
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-3/8
Texas Corporation	54-1/4
Union Carbide	37-3/4
U.S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	45-3/4
U.S. Steel Corporation Common	72
Western Union Telegraph	15-7/8

U.S. price of foreign silver 71-1/2 cents.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, April 14.

Consols 2½ p.c.	£80-7/16
Conversion Loan 3½ p.c. 1961	£106-1/4
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	£113-3/8
War Loan 3½ p.c. 1952 and after	£104-1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg.	£102-1/4
National Bank of India	£39

Transactions of the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 4,887.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, April 14.

T.T. London on:	Selling	Buying
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14.47	to 14.50

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, April 14.

Australian wheat new crop April/May 96/-

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, April 14.

May	2.23
July	1 94-3/4
September	1.94
December	1.95-1/2

P.S.—All U.K. and U.S. markets closed on April 15.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, April 14.

London Silver spot and forward 43-1/2 pence.

Gold bars fine per ounce £8-12-3.

Trade And Finance

MONEY MARKET SHADE EASIER

Fall In Supply Of Gold Due To Strike In Mines

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, April 14.

MONEY: Although not reflected in rates, conditions in the short-term money market were said to be a shade easier compared to the past few weeks. Interbank call continue to be quoted at 1 1-2 per cent. with three to six months money being bid between 1 1-2 and 1 3-4 per cent. per annum.

GILT-EDGED: In the absence of any sizeable enquiry, prices in the gilt-edged market remained more or less stable. The volume of trading was inclined to be small. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan was an anna better at Rs. 98-1. Among dated loans, 2 1-2 per cent. 1961 loan was quoted at Rs. 96-8 and 3 per cent. 1951/54 loan at Rs. 101-2, whilst 3 per cent. 1957 Victory loan reported small business at Rs. 101-2. 3 per cent. 1963/65 loan ruled steady at Rs. 99-15, 3 per cent. 1966/68 loan at Rs. 99-13 whilst 3 per cent. 1970/75 loan was a trifle better at Rs. 100-1.

EXCHANGE: There was nothing fresh to stir the rupee/sterling exchange market into activity. For interbank business, sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s. 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of TT on London spot 1s. 5-31/32d. Sellers of TT on London upto six months 1s. 5-15/16d. Buyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1/32d.

GOLD: Owing to a fall in supplies due to the two month's strike in the Indian gold mines and also some decrease in smuggled parcels, stocks in the market are slowly depleting with the result that the premium on spot gold over forward was quoted in the neighbourhood of Rs. 2-8 throughout the week under review. May settlement gold opened at Rs. 107 and steadily moved up to Rs. 109-2 on Tuesday, and closed at Rs. 108-15. The price of sovereigns also hardened from Rs. 72-8 at the opening to Rs. 73 in sympathy with gold. Floating stocks of the metal are reported to have dwindled down to about 30,000 tolas. Arrivals are said to have averaged about 5,000 tolas and the offtake at 8,000 tolas a day. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 111-8 and Rs. 109 for spot and Rs. 109-2 and Rs. 107 for May settlement.

SILVER: The silver section of the bullion market was also inclined to rule steady owing to sustained and up-country offtake as well as increased speculative activity. From Rs. 170-10 at the beginning of the week, forward silver moved up gradually to Rs. 173-7 on Wednesday and closed at Rs. 173-2. Spot silver .999 fine commanded a premium of Rs. 1-12 over forward throughout. Stocks of silver on hand are estimated at about 4,500 bars whilst the offtake continues good at 180 bars a day on average. Both the New York as well as the London silver quotations remained listless at 71 1-2 cents and 43 1-2d. throughout. The highest and lowest rates touched locally were Rs. 175-3 and Rs. 172-6 for spot and Rs. 173-7 and Rs. 170-10 for May settlement.

SHARES: The share market continued in a demoralised state and except for a temporary steadiness due to bear-covering, the course of prices remained downward.

Tata Defds., after improving from Rs. 1370 to Rs. 1400 mid-week on short-covering, suffered a fresh break to Rs. 1335 on fresh liquidation and finally closed at Rs. 1365, whilst Ordinaries, after being bid up to Rs. 277-8 mid-week, reacted at the close to Rs. 268-8. The textile block of shares also suffered from a complete lack of confidence, Bombay Dyeings declined from Rs. 962-8 to Rs. 941-4; Kohinoors were marked down from Rs. 290 to Rs. 280 and Swadeshis from Rs. 298 to Rs. 290, but they all closed a shade better at Rs. 950, Rs. 284 and Rs. 294 respectively on covering by shorts Other sections remained in the background with little activity in evidence; Andhra Valleys were quoted ex dividend at Rs. 1402-8 and Powers lingered around Rs. 1515. Amongst Banks, Central Banks ruled quiet at Rs. 83 and Imperial Bank Fully Paids at Rs. 1876-4. Bank of India's tapered down to Rs. 186. In the miscellaneous group, an easier feeling prevailed all-round, with Associated Cements receding to Rs. 139 and Bombay Burmas to Rs. 280. Scindia Steams also weakened to Rs. 15-6 and New India's to Rs. 59-8.

CALCUTTA: The Calcutta share market opened steady on moderate investment support, but subsequently developed an easier trend on selling in some of the speculative scripts. The jute section of the market, witnessed little activity.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement Of Affairs

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 8th April, 1949, is as follows:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,27,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	269,05,64,000
Sundries	1,67,94,000
Total Rs.	282,63,58,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Government Securities	100,15,22,000
Other Authorised Investments	9,41,78,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	36,22,50,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	85,90,97,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	9,19,39,000
Dead Stock	1,57,19,000
Sundries	1,68,06,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	27,57,72,000
Balance with other Banks	10,90,75,000
Total Rs.	282,63,58,000

Scientists Wage A Forlorn Struggle

TREND OF POLITICAL CONTROL IN RUSSIA

THE Dean of Canterbury, in presenting his testimonial to the Soviet Union for the defence in the Kravchenko libel action, has just explained that one of the grounds for his faith in the Soviet system was that it had "welcomed science with both hands." In view of recent controversy over the guidance given to scientists in the Soviet Union by the Communist Party, the Dean's metaphor was perhaps not altogether a happy one. The phrase certainly suggested in the first place an over-hearty ecclesiastical handshake, but it was also slightly reminiscent of a policeman making an arrest, writes a correspondent in "The Economist".

The Dean clearly assumes that for science to be "welcomed" by ruling politicians is automatically beneficial alike for society and for science itself. The Soviet welcome is supposed to have conferred on science the glory and the effectiveness which it has lacked in its forlorn struggle to survive during the three centuries since Galileo. There are, nevertheless, grounds for doubting whether the new patronage is quite the unmixed blessing it may at first sight appear to be, and the question involves, not only the position of scientists in the Soviet Union, but the relation of science to the state in all countries. It is a general problem of contemporary society, though presented in a particularly acute form by the recent Soviet political intervention in scientific disputes.

Different Ideology

In a speech on August 24th of last year Professor Vavilov, President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, declared: "Our science, the science of a socialist country on the road to communism, is distinct from bourgeois science because it rests on a basically different ideology and aims at achieving a very different task—the task of an all-round service to the people, its demands, its practice and its needs." If this means simply that the Soviet state, in accordance with an overall plan, endows and directs research for the improvement of technology in agriculture, industry, medicine or armaments, it can no doubt be claimed that such a system differs from the more piecemeal and haphazard applications of science hitherto customary in the lands of private enterprise. But, if this were all, it could hardly be said that there was a difference in science itself as a method of seeking and verifying knowledge about the universe.

It is at this point, however, that ideology enters in and really does make Soviet science different from bourgeois science. The Communist political authority in the Soviet Union does not merely direct scientists to particular tasks judged to be of economic or military value, but sits in judgment on the truth of their theories. For the party bosses and policemen, like the priests and theologians of other times, are in possession of a body of infallible metaphysical doctrine to which any theory in physics, biology or anthropology must conform or be deemed heretical and dangerous to the order of society.

Control Of Thought

As a result of this omniscience of the civil power, it is now as dangerous in Russia as it was in Italy in the days of Galileo for a scientist freely to proclaim the conclusions to which his scientific inquiry has led him. In one respect, however, perhaps because of some lingering sense of embarrassment in defying the standards of "bourgeois science", the discipline of the KVD differs from that once imposed by the Inquisition. It was no secret when Galileo was called to account for daring to defend the Copernican astronomy; all Europe knew of it. But the control of thought in Russia operates behind so thick a curtain of dissimulation that it is a matter for dispute whether there is any persecution of scientific opinion or not. In a discussion on the freedom of science at a conference of the Atomic Scientists' Association last October, Sir Henry Dale was challenged to support his assertion that geneticists were being subjected to persecution in Russia and he referred to the case of Vavilov (not the same person as the President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences quoted above).

In 1942 I happened to be President of the Royal Society, and the name of Vavilov was brought before the Council of the Society, with the strongest kind of recommendation, from those who knew about his work, for election to our foreign membership. He was elected to foreign membership. We heard faint rumours of his having got into some kind of trouble because he openly opposed the teaching of Lysenko, which had been recognised by official authority as the genetic teaching which was conformable to the Marxian philosophy of dialectical materialism. It came to our knowledge in 1945 that somewhere between 1941 and 1943 Vavilov had been dismissed from his appointment and removed from Leningrad to a distant town in Russia where there was known to be a concentration camp, and that somewhere between 1941 and 1943 he died. We naturally wished to know, simply for the completion of our records, what was the date of his death ....We have been entirely unable to find out. Every inquiry put through every kind of channel has encountered a complete blank....No acknowledgement of any kind has been sent through the Soviet Embassy in London or from Moscow by the President of the Scientific Academy.

Whether or not it is a fact that this scientist, who was considered worthy of the not lightly given honour of election to foreign membership of the Royal Society, perished in a concentration camp on account of dissent from current Soviet scientific orthodoxy, it is clear enough from expressions of the Soviet official attitude that such a fate would not have been an unlikely one. The welcome given to science "with both hands" by the Soviet state may bring high honours and lucrative earnings to producers of new frost-resistant seeds or more efficient rocket-bombs, but it does not provide the right of the scientist to declare and sustain by argument what he believes to be the truth—a right which has belonged to "bourgeois science" for several generations and which has long been the condition of the whole intellectual life of Western Europe.

Communist Trend

It might be supposed that, however much totalitarian political rulers were resolved to establish a censorship over the sciences, scientists themselves would be united in resisting any such claims to restrict the freedom of scientific inquiry and advocacy, and that a tyranny which Russian scientists are powerless to defy would at least win no approval from scientific circles in countries with liberty of thought. But it is notorious that in fact Communists and fellow-travellers are numerous in the ranks of the scientific profession in Western Europe and America and it seems that the reason is to be found in a trend, not of scientific thought, but of thought about science, which has become increasingly manifest in recent years. It is a trend towards the disparagement of pure science as compared with scientific technology and it has been strongly promoted by the growth among scientists of a "social conscience," even of a sense of guilt in their profession.

In former times the scientist was liable to be denounced—even after he ceased to be persecuted—for undermining the supposed foundations of religion, but he was not called on to justify his quest for knowledge as such. It was taken for granted that it was worth while for human beings to seek knowledge about the universe for its own sake, or if it was not, the quest was at least as good a way as hunting or gambling for employing the resources of a leisured class whose social position was not seriously challenged. The scientist was primarily a "natural philosopher" and his business and more recognised as time went on that his discoveries gave mankind new power over nature which had all kinds of practical uses, but the scientist was neither judged by the obvious utility of his work nor was he held responsible for the uses to which soldiers, physicians, farmers or industrialists might put it. The "natural philosopher", was expected to be remote from the affairs of this world; he did not interfere with other men and they refrained from interfering with him. His very aloofness from human society gave him a special prestige; in the hierarchy of esteem. The astronomer, absorbed in the study of the galactic nebulae, ranked higher than the discoverer of a new process for hardening steel, even though his pecuniary reward might be very much less.

Way Of Salvation

All this is now changed. An epoch of wars and revolutions has diverted intellectual interest from the mysteries of the cosmos to the practical problems of human society. The scientist is reproached for his former indifference to the uses of scientific knowledge; he is attacked for his pride in pure science and told that he should think of himself first and foremost as a servant of society, doing his best to be useful in material production and in "social engineering." Above all, he is denounced for having brought into existence weapons of unprecedented destructiveness, culminating in the atomic bomb, without having done anything to protect mankind from their abuse.

Such criticism has given the contemporary scientist an extremely bad conscience and has shattered the confidence which made him so sure of his vocation during the nineteenth century. He seeks to redeem himself, to emerge from his seclusion into the strange, unfamiliar world of politics, for which his training has never prepared him. Fortunately, Professor Bernal is at hand to show him the way of salvation; the Association of Scientimic Workers will guide his faltering footsteps. He will be shown the glory of the Soviet Union, which welcomes science with both hands, and not only cleanses the sinful scientist of his past frivolous individualism but entrusts him with the highest functions in the construction of the new planned society. There is no need at the outset to lay any stress on the sacrifice of freedom which will be required of the scientist under the new order—Professor Bernal will be marvellously ingenious at explaining it away—but if the novice does begin to ask really awkward questions, he must in the end be told that his addicted to freedom is just a survival of his bourgeois upbringing and that the Central Committee of the party is the final judge of truth and error.

Secrecy In Research

Those scientists of the west whose orbits are affected by the gravitational pull of the Muscovite star have no word to say against the claims of Russia's political bosses to decide theoretical problems of biology or physics, but they are very vocal in opposition to what is, according to them, the real threat to the freedom of science, namely the obligations of secrecy now imposed over a considerable field of research by Governments for reasons of military security and the purging of scientific workers from posts connected with national defence on account of real or alleged Communist affiliations. Secrecy in armament research is not new in principle, but it is certainly now much more far-reaching than formerly, and affects range of subjects of theoretical importance on which publication would have been free only a few years ago. This state of affairs is highly regrettable, but is unavoidable as long as the present international situation persists, and it should be emphasised that Russia is in every field not less, but more, secretive than the western powers. In any case, these restrictions do not involve any control of creed: no scientist in the west is required to subscribe to a scientific doctrine in which he does not believe.

Scientists should consider well the implications of the political control of science as it is now enforced in Russia, and ask themselves seriously whether this is a price they are prepared to pay for being "welcomed with both hands" by political rulers. It is indeed good that the scientist should be less cloistered than in former days in a political democracy he is a citizen as well as a specialist in his own profession. There is a vast scope for beneficial co-operation and consultation between political authorities and scientists in all branches of administration, and helpful initiative may often come from the side of the scientist. But the natural scientist as such has no inherent qualification for setting himself up as the saviour of society any more than the politician as such is qualified to tell the physicist or biologist what he ought to think about quanta or chromosomes. Indeed, the natural scientist seems to be at a disadvantage in dealing with political matters which neither lend themselves to exact classification nor can be made to follow precise laws. Perhaps it is just because Marxism purports to be an 'exact science" of politics that some scientists find it so attractive. But the desire to plan the human race into efficiency, prosperity and peace, however creditable it may be as a response to the world's woe, can be a path of disaster if it leads away from the primary task of science, which is to seek knowledge, not from any human authority, but by the direct study of nature. For its own life, science has no other way than the making and testing of hypotheses through observation and experiment and free debate among all qualified specialists. Abandonment of this way is repudiation of the spirit and method of science, even if the octopus welcomes with all its tenacles.

Workers' Settlement In 40 Days

BY V. ANTONOV

BEFORE the war the big and united family of the steel maker Semyon Yefimovich Chernykh lived in Donbas in their own cottage surrounded by apple and cherry trees. From the eminence on which the cottage stood, the Chernykhs could see the large metallurgical works over which a red glow arose at night.

Began the Hitlerite invasion. During a German air raid, the works was destroyed, Chernykh's little house burnt and the fruit trees in his garden were broken. Before long the entire Chernykh family had to evacuate to the east.

A Fascinating Picture

The train brought Chernykh and his family to one of the towns in the Urals. An automobile carried them straight to the dwelling house of a metallurgical works under construction.

In the Urals Semyon Yefimovich saw around him a fascinating picture. The metallurgical works was being built at a pace that astonished even most experienced participants in the fast constructions of the pre-war Stalin five-year plans.

Shops of the new works, the foundations of which had been laid only after the outbreak of hostilities, started working already in 1942. The electric steel furnace, sectional casting, rolling mill and other shops were built in the course of only nine months. And alongside them arose a mechanised bakery, a school, kindergartens, creches, stores. A settlement for the workers sprang up in 40 days!

Semyon Cherykh has always been a steel maker, but in the Urals he also became a builder. To accelerate his return to the steel-making furnace, he laid concrete, welded metal structures, worked with the spade of the navy and the matchet of the joiner. He worked forgetful of the clock and unsparing of his strength.

There is no more stirring event in the life of a steel maker than his first heat. It impresses itself on his memory like his first day in school, like the first book he read. In the Urals Semyon Chernykh was destined once more and with the same force as in the distant past to experience this emotion and joy. When the solemn day of putting the electric steel furnance shop into operation arrived, the men of the Urals, renowned masters of metal production, yielded the high honour of obtaining the first heat to their new comrade from Donbas.

The metallurgical works produced the first lot of steel. From that day began a new page in the biography of Semyon Chernykh, now a renowned Ural steel-maker.

The Soviet State helped the steel-maker from Donbas to fix himself up in his new home. In the Urals, Chernykh once more sensed the joy and glory, of labour, the respect of his friends.

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When Semyon Chernykh has to take charge of the electric furnace in his shop, he rises at dawn. While his wife is preparing breakfast the steel-maker goes out into the garden surrounding the house. The trees in the garden are still quite young, but they are growing well and will soon be as tall as those in his old garden in Donbas. On returning after his walk, Semyon finds at the table his son Anatoli and his daughter Luda. They breakfast together and together rise from the table and leave the house. At the moment when they come into the street, the door of the neighbouring house opens and a young couple make their appearance. This is Nicolai Chernykh and his wife who married recently. Nicolai is Semyon's eldest son, and like his father, acquired a house for himself with the aid of the works administration. Although Nicolai and his wife live in a separate house, both houses constitute a single family.

This united family of five persons are making their way to the works. Their path runs along streets of a new town. Officially, this is only a new district of the old city with which the metallurgical work is connected by a tramway. But it is, to all intents and purposes, an independent town with broad tree-lined streets, with a magnificent club and cinema theatre, with splendid tall dwelling houses, with stores, bookshops, with its own newspaper.

The Cross Roads

One of the streets brings the Chernykh family to the gates of the works. Beyond the gates the family part in different directions. Nicolai turns to the repair shop. Anatoli goes into the cabin of the crane serving the furnace and where he is working as a mechanic. Luda and Valentina make their way to another department of the works. Semyon Yefimovich takes over electric furnance No. 1. It is the best furnace and its successful working is largely due to the experience and skill of Chernykh. In 1948 his brigade produced 1,085 tons of steel above plan and attained the level of output indicated for 1950—the last year of the post-war five-year plan.

The second generation of the Chernykh does not lag behind him. The names of Semyon's children invariably find a place in the list of the foremost workers.

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In the days of the war the valiant labour of Semyon Chernykh was highly appreciated by the Soviet State which awarded him the Order of Badge of Honour. It is not only his personal successes and those of his family that are a source of joy to the renowned steel-makers he rejoices equally at the achievements his fellow workers. He watches the progress of his pupils with a feeling of pride. On the memorable day a few years ago when the first furnace was put into operation, his assistants Kamuiatdinov, Rybushkin and Zimin stood alongside Chernykh. Today the first two are themselves heads of brigades and are successfully competing with their old teacher for the title of best steel-maker in the shop, and Zimin is working as a foreman.

The new works in the Urals has become near and dear to Semyon Yefimovich Chernykh. Here he has found new happiness the source of which is the free, creative labour of Soviet people on Soviet land where they are complete masters.

CONVERSION CASES IN PAKISTAN?

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI (By Mail): News of the conversion of ten Hindu families to Islam have been received from Khairpur State.

It is reported, on being assured of full facilities, these families had very recently returned to Pakistan from India. They went to their village Ranipur in Khairpur State and desired to get back their ancestral homes as well as business shops which were taken possession of by Muslim refugees since their migration. They are reported to have been advised by interested persons to get themselves converted to Islam in order to get full facilities at the hands of the authorities and untimely compelled to comply with such a suggestion.

Instances of some more conversions are also received occasionally. In Matiari town, 5 Hindus were converted recently bringing a total of such cases to 24 including 4 women within a period of three months. Similarly, a Harijan woman was also converted and renamed Musmat Salima.

Abolishing Prostitution From Pakistan's Capital

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI (By Mail).

The Governor General has now given his assent to the Bill recently adopted by the Pakistan Constituent Assembly (Legislaure) for the abolition of Prostitution from Pakistan.

A beginning in this connection will be made with the Capital of the Dominion. The Administrator of Karachi, therefore, has chalked out a plan in this connection by which he proposes to change the profession of these ill-fated women. According to the official figures, the number of such women registered with the authorities is nearly 400 while the Police have on their record the names of another about 1200 women carrying on such profession privately. The Administrator has proposed number of legitimate professions in which these women could be easily absorbed and sought the co-operation of the citizens at a conference of their leaders. A conference of local Police officials was also called where decisions were taken to get the Dominion Capital free from this vice forbidden in Islam, as early as possible.

Prisoners Congratulate Sardar Patel

LUDHIANA, April 15 (UPI): A meeting of prisoners in Ludhiana District jail passed a resolution congratulating Sardar Patel on his recent escape in the aeroplane accident.

Besides four hundred prisoners, the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent also attended the meeting.

Ten days' remission in the term of every convict, was granted by the Superintendent on the Occasion.

SOVIET MOVE AGAINST "VOICE OF AMERICA"

NEW YORK, April 15, (PTI-Reuter): The Soviet Union is using almost as much money to try to jam the "Voice of America as the United States is using to broadcast it, the New York "Herald Tribune" claimed today.

"The Soviet Union is using 18 gigantic transmitters to drown out the programme, it was learned last night", the newspaper said.

"The Russians are employing the powerful sets, estimated by 50,000 kilowatts each, around Moscow and at Khabarovsk near Vladivostok in Asiatic Russia".

"The best of these transmitters and their maintenance reckoned in American terms, would be 500,000 dollars each or a 9,000,000 dollar total—virtually the budget for the entire "voice" operation for the next fiscal year".

Sports For The Soviet Masses

By G. Moroz

SOVIET hockey players scored a brilliant victory when they defeater recently a picked Polish team in three friendly matches by a total score of 25:6. The visiting team represented a number of the strongest hockey clubs in Poland. its players have considerable experience in international hockey play. Some of them have participated in as many as 100 and more matches abroad.

All Set Out

Tens of thousands of Moscow fans turned out to watch the Polish team match its skill with the Central House of the Soviet Army hockey team in the first match. Honoured Master of Sports captain of the Army team; Vsevolov Bobrov greeted Yan Mateiko, captain of the Polish hockey team, and exchanged souvenir penants and badges with him. Then the players were all set to their best.

The Army team took the initiative and soon Bobrov had the puck near his rivals' net, but Mateiko, the Polish goal keeper averted what appeared like a sure point for the Army team. In general Mateiko played a fine game and the fans cheered him time and again as he stopped difficult shorts. But as good as Mateiko was he could not stop the Soviet hockey champions from scoring their first point in the second minute of play.

Holding the initiative, the Army players displayed superb manoeuverability and lighting speed as Menshikov passed the puck to Bobrov who raced over the entire length of the rink passing four of the Polish players. Bobrov swung hard but Mateiko again made a beautiful save. Then Babrov took another short at the puck and the score was 2:0 in Army's favour. The first period saw Army leading 3:0.

The Polish team tried hard but was unable to pierce Army's defence. The Army players captured the match by a 5:0 score.

The Polish hockey players faced the Moscow Dynamo team in its second match. And once more the Soviet players established their superiority in tactics, and technique. Dynamo defeated the visitors by a decisive 13:3 victory.

The third and final match saw the visitors play a picked Moscow team. This time the Polish players were determined more than ever to avenge their defeats.

This match was chock full of exciting moments. But as in the previous games, the Moscow players got the best of it and downed the picked Polish team by 7|3 secore.

These victories prove once more that Soviet hockey players are on the right path. Their undaunted will to victory, superb physical fitness and excellent techique and tactics puts them in the front ranks of the world's best hockey teams.

All and all Soviet athletes have been making excellent progress all along the lines. In no other country in the world do sportsmen enjoy as favourable conditions to develop their athletic skill as in the USSR. The Soviet Government has been doing everything in its power to make sports accessible to masses. That's why millions of Soviet people enjoy the benefits of sports.

A group of tennis players arrived in Moscow from Hungary for joint training with the Soviet athletes. It includes renowned players like D. Vad, A. Shtolp, I. Ashbot, D. Birkash, Z. Katons and others. The training takes place at the Dynamo winter courts.

The first friendly games in total were won by Soviet players.

Skating Competition

Another big event on the Soviet sporting arena was the recent skating competition held in Gorky in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the first all-Russian skating meet. A real holiday spirit prevailed among thousands of Gorky citizens.

Over 10,000 people turned out to watch some of the country's top performers make a bid for the prizes after the country's most famous skaters and Russian world champions: A. Panshin, N. Strunnikov, V. Ippolitov, Y. Melnikov, M. Isakova and others.

The jubilee meet was opened with the junior performances. Among the girl juniors, N. Donchenko succeeded in establishing a new all-Union record in the 500-meter sprint—52 seconds.

In the women's events the best time of the day in the 500-meter sprint was registered by the Gorky star, M. Volovova—49.1 seconds. An excellent performance was also turned in by the young skater T. Babaikina, who covered the sprint in 50 seconds, outracing Isakova by 1.1 seconds.

The 1,500-meter event was captured by Isakova—2 minutes 42.2 seconds. The RSFSR champion and world recordholder, Zoya Kholshchevnikova, came next with 2 minutes, 42.0 seconds. Kholshchevnikova then captured the 1,000-meter race—1 minute 42.0 seconds, and the 3,000-meter event—5 minutes 36.1 seconds, scoring a total of 211,916 points in the four events. Kholshchevnikova captured the first prize. Isakova won the second prize honours.

Competition was keen in the men's division. Among the contestants for the 500-meter spring were Honoured and Valovova third.

Master of Sport K. Kudryavtsev and the holder of the RSFSR sprint title, Y. Sergeyev. But neither of the top-notchers registered on top. The sprint honours went to two Siberian skaters, Y. Golovchenko and G. Toporov—45.0 seconds.

The 5,000-meter prize, named after the ex-Gorky skating star, N. Sharomov, who heroically fell in Patriotic War, was especially interesting.

Golovchenko, paired with Proshin, holder of the country's absolute title, got off to a fast start and had a 10-15 meter lead on his rival. Towards the close of the race, as the two were headed for the finish line, Golovchenko made a supreme effort and spurted ahead, beating Proshin by a tenth of a second—8 minutes 45.1 seconds. Golovchenko also captured the 1,500-meter race—2 minutes 23.9 seconds.

The ice was very soft when the 10,000-meter event was run off. The warm weather certainly prevented the long distance stars from showing their wares. The best time in the 10-000-meter distance was registered by Pishunov—18 minutes 38.2 seconds.

Yuri Golovchenko turned in the best all-round performance and was awarded the first prize named after Strunnikov, twice-winner of the world skating championship. Proshin won the second prize and Pishunov the third.

GREEK GOVERNMENT WARNS STRIKERS

ATHENS, April 15 (PTI-Reuter): The Greek Government has warned striking civil servants that unless they return to work before next Monday they will not be paid.

An official 'communique' stated that civil servants salaries could not be raised at the moment without seriously endangering the national economy, but gave an undertaking that they would be augmented after the first of July.

The civil servants, on strike for ten days, have already been promised extra food rations.

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TURN FREEDOM INTO CONCRETE EXPERIENCE

Gadgil Sets: Task For Young Men: Convocation Address To Gurukul University Students

NEW DELHI, April 15 (U P I)—"Discipline, hard work and unflinching determinat on are the needs of today", said Shri N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, Government of India, addressing the students of Gurukul Kangri University on the occas on of its forty-seventh annual convocation today.

Continuing Shri Gadgil said: "India undoubtedly is a great country with great and ancient culture. In her days of glory in the past, individual life was ordered in such a way as to secure maximum happiness and full opportunity to grow to the height of one's personality."

"Today, we have to realise that we are living in a modern world where change or perish is the watchword of nature. We have therefore to follow a process of perpetual adjustment."

Shri Gadgil further said. Freedom is no more a problem. The real problem today is to turn that freedom into concrete experience so as to secure maximum happiness for maximum number of people. This is the task for youngmen."

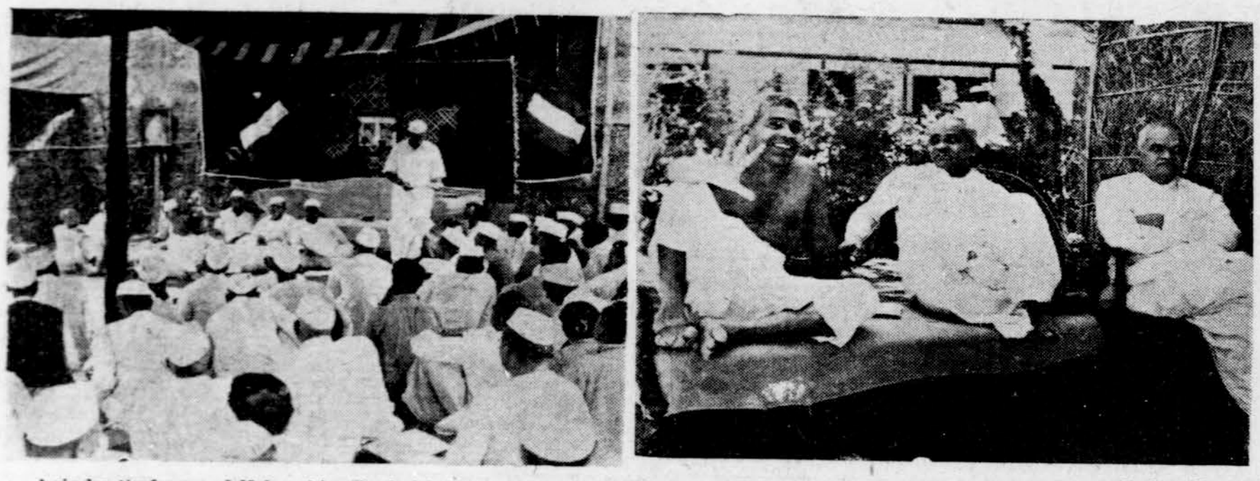
UNIVERSITY OF LIFE

Turning to the new graduates of the university, Shri Gadgil said: "you may have left this university but remember you are now entering the portals of university of life. Here you will have not only to learn but to teach. You can only succeed if you know what you have to do. If you know that it is only a disciplined mind and endless effort that secure best results, you will succeed. You have to take it up not by slogans but by hard work; not by muddling but planned action. You have to recreate the glory that was once ours. May you succeed in your attempt."

Prof. Indra Vidyavachaspati Vice-Chancellor, and Governor of Gurukul University earlier introduced Shri N. V. Gadgil and gave resume of the last fifty years' history of Gurukul University.

The Chancellor of the University, Mahashaya Krishna asked the outgoing graduates to follow the path laid down by Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Shraddhanand, both of whom, he said preached eternal truth.

MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS WORKERS CONFER



A six-day Conference of Maharashtra Provincial Congress Workers is being held in Mahabaleshwar. It started on Wednesday, (April 13). About 125 delegates representing eleven districts are attending the Conference. Pictures show: (1) Mr. B. S. Hirey speaking at the meeting. (2) Sjt. Shankarrao Deo, Y. R. Chawan and B. S. Hirey engaged in discussion

SETH GOVIND DAS ON ROLE OF HINDI AS NATIONAL LANGUAGE

CUTTACK, April 15. (UPI)—Seth Govind Das, President of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, member of the Constituent Assembly, addressing a press conference here this morning, said that he endorsed the view expressed by Pandit Nehru that the National Language of India should naturally grow and should not be imposed upon the people. But since the National Language was a necessity for inter-provincial communication and understanding, he said, the claims of Hindi should be advocated because of its pre-eminent position.

Seth Das said that he was on a tour of all the provinces, especially the non-Hindi areas with a view to removing certain misunderstandings in regard to the claim of Hindi to be the National Language of India. There was a feeling, he said, that an attempt would be made to foster Hindi on unwilling people, but this was not true.

Explaining the role of Hindi as the National Language, Seth Govind Das said that Hindi should be the language of the Centre and for inter-provincial purposes. In his view, the respective provincial languages should be the medium of instruction. Language of the courts and legislatures, in his opinion, as also the medium of instruction at the college stage and the language of the High Court should be decided upon by the Provincial Governments concerned.

Referring to the Hindi-Hindustani controversy, Seth Govind Das observed that there was no objection to the name as such. The name of the language of 'Hindusthan' might be Hindustani.

Seth Govind Das welcomed the suggestion for compilation, on behalf of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, of a history of all provincial languages.

PAY COMPENSATION TO TEA GARDEN OWNERS

Lohia's Plea For Nationalisation

GUAHATI, April 15 (API): Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, the Socialist Leader, after a ten-day tour of the Tea Garden centres and other important places in Assam in a statement here advocated the nationalisation of the large number of tea gardens and the oil company in Assam.

Dr. Lohia said part of India's sterling balances should be utilised for paying compensation to the owners of the tea gardens and the oil company.

"A contented people" of India's north-eastern Frontier should be a safeguard against any attack. If they were given food, clothing and "a new set of ideas" Dr Lohia said "no ideas which would tend to disrupt the state would take root in their minds."

Dr. Lakshmipathi On 'Arogya Seva Mandal' Plan

MADRAS, April 15. (A.P.I.): The "Arogya Sevamandal", planned at the Baroda Session of the Ayurvedic Congress, would work on the lines of the Red Cross Society to improve rural health, said Dr A Lakshmipathi on his return here from Baroda today.

Dr. Lakshmipathi added that the Sevamandal would have a health volunteer corps to be organised through village vaidyas.

The Congress appointed, he said, a Text Book Committee for preparing a Village Health Manual with himself as its Chairman It also laid out plans for an All-India Inter-Medical Study Circle for integrating the different systems of medicine with a view to enriching Ayurveda.

MUSIC CONFERENCE DEMAND

Recognise 'Vande Mataram' As India's National Anthem

POONA, April 15 (API): The five-day Music Conference here organised by the Poona Music Circle, adopted a resolution that "vande mataram" be recognised as the National Anthem of India.

The Conference, which began yesterday was inaugurated by the Raja of Phalton who urged the Central and provincial Governments to extend their patronage to the art of Indian music.

The Raja traced the growth of the art from ancient times and said, it had so far received the patronage of Rajas and Maharajas in the country. With the merger of the States, it was now left to the popular Governments and the people to see that this art received every encouragement and did not die. He suggested that the Poona University should include the study of Music as one of the subjects in its curriculum

Swearing-In Ceremony Of Maharajpramukh

(From Our Correspondent.)

UDAIPUR, April 15.

Major-General Maharana Sir Bhupalsingh of Udaipur has yesterday administered the oath of the high office of the Maharajpramukh of the United State of Rajasthan by Shri Kamalkant Verma, retired Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court and Chief Justice of the United State of Rajasthan at a ceremonial function held at Laxmi Vilas Palace. It was attended by high officials, leading citizens and Jagirdars of Rajasthan.

12 INJURED IN JAIL CLASH

JULLUNDUR, April 15 (API): Twelve persons including five members of the jail staff were injured in a clash between the jail staff and undertrial prisoners in Jullundur jail today, it is learnt.

Undertrial prisoners it is stated, attacked the jail staff with tent poles and brickbats, injuring five of them including the Deputy Superintendent.

Jail guards opened fire causing injuries to seven prisoners. A police force was rushed at the jail and the situation was brought under control.

The cause of the trouble is not known.

REHABILITATION WORK IN MADHYBHARAT

INDORE, April 15 (API): The Madhyabharat Government have taken prompt measures to tackle the problem of rehabilitating over 35,000 displaced persons who have migrated into southern Madhyabharat.

A press note issued today said that during the period from November 1948 to March 1949, the Madhyabharat Government spent about Rupees 1,31,000 on relief and rehabilitation work in the Southern Division. It is estimated that over rupees six lakhs have been advanced to individual refugee women through cooperative societies and groups in the shape of sewing machines etc.

Sixty seven families have been sent to Garoth sub-division of the Mandsaur District where they are provided with lands for cultivation

The press note added that a sum of Rupees 1,70,000 have been sanctioned to be utilised for industrial homes recently opened at Mhow, Ujjain, Ratlam, Dewas, and Mandsaur where refugees are undergoing training in the various crafts. The trainees got stipend of rupees 20 to 30 a month.

A similar house would soon be opened at Indore, the press note further stated.

U.S. AID TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, April 15. (PTI-Reuter): United States financial aid to foreign countries—including unpaid balances on World War One loans—now totals 92,169 million dollars.

The figures were compiled by the House of Representatives Coordinator of Information and include the just-approved 5,580 million dollars authorisation for a 15-month extension of Marshall Plan.

This sum, however, has not been appropriated as yet.

Mr James Van Zandt (Republican—Pennsylvania) told the House of Representatives yesterday that 50,205,229,787 dollars of the total was for the last war's lend-lease programme upto March 31, 1948 and 15,460,248,348 dollars now due on World War One loans, including interest. The remaining 26,504 million dollars, he said, represented various types of overseas' aid.

His statement included the following details: Philippine Aid and war damage to the end of June next year: 682 million dollars; China Aid to the same date 520 million dollars.

Our Madras Letter

Formation Of Linguistic Provinces

COMPLETION OF PROCESS WILL SYNCHRONISE WITH ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION BY C. A.

(From Our Correspondent)

MADRAS, (By Air Mail).

Mr. Kumaraswami Raja, Madras Premier, has returned from New Delhi after attending the Provincial Premiers' Conference, but he has not, as expected, made any announcement about the expansion of the ministry. This does not mean that the proposal for expansion has been dropped. It only means that the talks in that connection have not yet borne fruit and are still being carried on. Mr. Kamaraj Nadar, President of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee, has also returned from New Delhi, and it is likely that before the next session of the Madras Assembly commences, on 18th instant, the decision about the new Ministers to be appointed would be announced. It is expected that Dr. Subbarayan's group will be represented by 3 ministers, and the Andhra group by 2 more, but these will be included not on the basis of representation of this or that group but on the basis of their individual claims as members of the Congress Legislative Party. The question of appointing Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries is not ruled out completely, though it is expected it will take some time before a decision is taken on it.

BETTING ON HORSES ABOLISHED

By the assent given by the Governor to the Madras Gaming Act Amendment Bill, betting on horses in races in Madras will be stopped from the next season onwards. This is only a preliminary to the complete stoppage of horse racing in the province. For the latter reform, there are stated to be some legal difficulties, but they are not insuperable. The present measure also imposes a ban on the publication of news in newspapers about betting on horses. In this respect Madras has given a lead to other provinces and when racing is abolished altogether from the next season, it will maintain that lead.

LINGUISTIC PROVINCES PROCEDURE

In my last dispatch I gave an account of the reactions in local circles on the recommendations of the Linguistic Provinces Report by the Congress Big Three. It is learnt from subsequent enquiries that steps will shortly be taken to implement the conclusions of the Committee regarding the formation of the Andhra Province, first in Madras and later on in Delhi. The procedure will probably be as follows:—

The Government of India will ask the Provincial Government to express their views on the committee's report. Thereupon the Provincial Government will call a conference of the M.L.A's. from Andhra and other Linguistic areas and consult with them about the separation of Andhra. They will then forward their opinion to the Government of India who may convene a representative Conference composed of representatives of the Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and other areas, and after ascertaining their views take action under Sec. 290 of the Government of India Act, by issuing an order-in-Council separating the Andhra districts from Madras and constituting them into a separate unit for administrative purposes. All this will take at least three or four months and it is expected that the completion of the process will synchronise with the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly.

In the meantime opinion in Andhra districts is crystallising in favour of Andhras accepting the constitution of the Andhra Province on the conditions mentioned by the Three-man Committee and on the understanding that the question of Madras and other border Telugu areas, which are in dispute, can be raised sometime later. There are, of course, some voices like those of Sri Konda Venkatappayya, once President of the A.I.C.C., strongly protesting against the condition that Andhras should abandon their claim to Madras City. But there is every hope that they will ultimately give up their protest when they are made to appreciate that the future of the City is not finally to be decided now. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya during his forthcoming visit to Madras is expected to clear a number of doubtful points in this connection.

RAMPADASAGAR PROJECT

The strong grievance which the Andhras have made of the attitude of the Madras Government towards the Rampadasagar Project seems to have induced Mr. Bhaktavatsalam, Public Works Minister, to re-examine the position in that connection. He has now come forward with an assurance that it is very likely that construction work on the Project may commence before the end of the year. He hoped the Government of India would give both administrative and financial sanction to the project, which is necessary for taking up the construction work, because the entire cost of the project will have to be borne through loan funds secured by the Central Government. A decision on the questions of the quantum of the grant to be advanced by the Government of India has been put off for a period of four years and in the meantime Mr. Bhaktavatasalam stated that work on the project would have made some progress. The Minister tried to disabuse the impression in the public mind, that the Madras Government were delaying the project because they want the Government of an Andhra Province, when it is set up, to take it up, instead of the composite province bearing the joint responsibility for it, by emphasising that the consideration that the Andhra province would materialise in about a year's time, did not deter him from his intention to get the work started this year.

LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE MUST REACH MASSES

Dr. Pattabhi's Address At National Educational Conference

HARDWAR, April 15 (UPI): Dr. B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, the Congress President in the course of his presidential address to the National Educational Conference at Gurukul Kangri university said that if the light of knowledge had to reach the masses, it must go through the medium of their own languages. Suitable literature, he said, cannot grow in them without well planned and properly directed institutions

Referring to Ayurveda he said it should be given opportunity to grow along with modern medical knowledge and synthesize with modern medical science. Ayurveda may come into prominence like vitamins which were unknown fifty years ago, he said

He also spoke on the importance of institutions like Gurukal University.

The conference unanimously passed a resolution on the need of National Education Research Institute to propagate the study of Indian languages.

Mixed Grill

THE other day we received a neatly printed book for review with a covering letter which, we believe, is more important from the point of view of news value than the book itself. Here is what it said, in part:

"This poetical drama has been written in its unique form, wherein religion, theosophy, philosophy, culture, politics, universal brotherhood, etc., are dealt with for the universal benefit of humanity. I have much pleasure to mention that on its merits, this book has been proposed by a Professor of English Literature for the Nobel Prize Competition conducted by the Swedish Royal Academy, Stockholm, the results of which are still awaited. I hope this book will quench the public taste and be of timely help in the educational career of human being."

While the editor gave this book for the private delectation of the Grumbler, he warned that the name of the book and the author should be withheld till the receipt of the happy cable from Stockholm, when alone it should be released as a thundering scoop, on the poor, ignorant, unsuspecting world.

Therefore, I took the book to the most private corner and started paging through its inspired verses. Like a flame that lights another, the book called forth the Divine spark inside me and verse after moving verse began literally to flow out of a pen that was hardly under my control. Here are the few beautiful preliminary lines:

SONG OF THE GRUMBLER

The Grumbler
Maybe he is a Rumbler
But Never a Mumbler
Nor is he a Fumbler

He can drink off a tumbler
Or something more humbler

He is no cheap pedlar
Nor a troublesome Meddler
By calling a Scribbler
But not a fiddler.

And so on the unending song went. But, as soon as he had read these few lines, the editor decided that a miracle had happened. One marvellous piece of art had inspired another marvellous piece of art. One Nobel Laureate had discovered another Laureate.

So he decided to lock up the work in his secretmost drawer, searching in the meanwhile for a suitable sponsor who will take up the matter with the Swedish Royal Academy at Stockholm.

Grumbler

"KEEP ALOOF FROM CONTINUOUS TALK ABOUT SAURASHTRA MERGER"

Democratic Government Must Be Established First, Says Dheber

RAJKOT, April 15, (A.P.I.): Mr. U. N. Dheber, Chief Minister of Saurashtra, said in a statement today that the Government of Sourashtra would declare their policy regarding merger of Sourashtra at the earliest opportunity. He appealed to the people and the press to keep aloof from "continuous talk about merger" as this affected the administration.

"We are in a transitory period. A Democratic Government has to be established first, and this demands trust and co-operation between the Government and the people", he said.

Mr. Dheber said that any effort to weaken the Central Government or the Government of Sourashtra would only serve to strengthen the hands of reactionaries at the cost of the larger interests of the people.

Merger of Sourashtra, Mr. Dheber said, had to be considered only from the point of benefit to the people of the Union. "We should rely on the wisdom of the leaders who are piloting the affairs of India and that of Sourashtra which is an integral part of India. There are four parties to the question namely, Government of India, Government of Bombay, Government of Sourashtra and the rulers".

Referring to the protest against the imposition of Income Tax, the Minister said, that the "inequity" in the tax had to be remedied.

Mr. Dheber asked the public to co-operate with the Government during the coming three months to carry out relief works in scarcity areas.

SAURASHTRA INTEGRATION DAY

RAJKOT April 15, (A.P.I.): The "Saurashtra Integration Day", marking the first anniversary of the merging together of all Kathiawar States was celebrated in Saurashtra today.

Flag salutations, police parades and gun and rifle salutes were held in the district towns. The Ministers attended the official functions at Bhavnagar, Junagadh, Jamnagar and Wadhwan.

In the capital town of Rajkot, the Food Minister, Mr. Girdharlal Kotak took the salute and inspected a Guard of Honour provided by the police and later unfurled the National Flag in the presence of a large gathering.

Two hundred States and principalities were integrated this day last year to form the United State of Saurashtra, with an area of about 30,000 square miles and a population of four million.

NADAR'S MISSION TO TRAVANCORE

MADRAS, April 15, (A.P.I.): Mr. K. Kamaraja Nadar, President of the Tamilnad Congress Committee, will leave tomorrow for Nagercoil to meet the leaders of the Travancore Tamilnad Congress, who have started a "Satyagraha" movement for the merger of Tamil speaking areas of Travancore in the Madras province.

Mr. Nadar, it is understood, will endeavour to bring about a settlement of the issue.

Madras Premier's Anxiety For Stable Cabinet

MADRAS, April 15, (U.P.I.): Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, in a press interview today said, that he was anxious to have a cabinet which would be a stable one, unlike the two previous cabinets (under the leaderships of Messrs. T. Prakasam and O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar). "My sole concern is not so much immediate expansion of the Cabinet, but, the inclusion in the Cabinet of men who command the confidence of all the members of the Congress Legislature Party", he said.

Mr. Raja returned here this morning after a four-day tour of some of the Tamil Districts.

Japs Warned Against Extravagance

TOKYO, April 15, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Joseph Dodge, highest financial adviser to General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, today warned the Japanese people they were living "far beyond their means". Japan had spent too much money for unproductive purposes, he said.

Pacific 'Quake Damage

SEATTLE April 15, (PTI-Reuter): Official figures yesterday placed damage in the Pacific North-West earthquake at 15,000,000 dollars.

There were eight deaths and more

MUTT AND JEFF—Well, Jeff Always Was A Little Stiff Anyway

By BUD FISHER

I GOT AN INVITATION TO ATTEND AN IMPORTANT DINNER AND I HAVEN'T GOT A FULL-DRESS SUIT TO WEAR!
I THINK I KNOW WHERE I CAN BORROW ONE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, MUTT!
HERE YOU ARE, MUTT! TRY IT ON!
WHY IT'S A PERFECT FIT!
IT'S WONDERFUL! WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
I BORROWED IT FROM THE UNDERTAKER ON THE CORNER!
Fisher

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